

Valentine Love Lines

Valentine Love Lines to be printed in the Feb. 9 edition of the *Leader* are available for \$10 for 25 words. Decorative larger ads with artwork will also be available – call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 for rates. Ads must be received by noon Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, Jan. 26, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Kirkwood South meets

The Kirkwood South Committee meeting will be held Jan. 26 in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom, 7:30 p.m. The committee's annual meeting is March 22.

Thompson hosts book fair

Thompson Intermediate is hosting its spring book fair through Friday, Jan. 27. The book fair is open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Also, parents and grandparents may purchase online through the web fair at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/thompsonintsch>.

Library holds book sale

Parker Williams Library will hold its Book 'Bag Sale' on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Suite D. A small bag will sell for \$3, a large bag for \$6. From 1 to 3 p.m. everything is 1/2 price. All proceeds benefit the local library.

Dobie presents Godspell

The Dobie High School Theatre Arts Department will present *Godspell*, running through Jan. 29. Tickets cost \$10 each, \$7 each for a group of 20 or more people. For more information, contact Stephanie Patrisso at spatrisso@pasadenaisd.org or 713-740-0370 ext. 04348.

Knights host blood drive

The Knights of Columbus, Council 9201 of St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church, will host its quarterly blood drive on Jan. 29. The blood drive will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the St. Luke Church Parish Hall.

BH Civic Club meets

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Beverly Hills Park. Bring any concerns.

Sagemont sets election

The Sagemont Maintenance Committee election will be held Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at Frazier Elementary. Absentee votes may be mailed to P.O. Box 34146, Houston, TX 77234. Hugo Mora is up for election.

Scouts hold food drive

Boy Scout Troop 1900 will participate in the annual Scouting for Food drive on two consecutive Saturdays. On Jan. 28, Scouts will place door hangers throughout the area. On Feb. 4, contributors should place the donated food items at the front door, and Scouts will return to collect the donations.

Food donated in a particular area will be distributed through relief pantries in that area. This year, food pantries are looking for protein food such as canned tuna, peanut butter or canned ravioli. Visit www.houstonfoodbank.org to learn more about hunger in the area.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

Dobie baseball meeting

The Dobie Diamond Club, the Longhorns' baseball booster club, will host a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the athletics media room. At least one parent of each player on the sophomore, junior varsity or varsity teams must be in attendance. For more information, call Lisa Manriquez at 713-516-7539.

Market Night at Moore

Moore Elementary will hold its first Market Night on Monday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Representatives will be present from national businesses such as Guy and Eva, Discovery Toys, Miche, Pampered Chef and others.

Melillo hosts family fitness

Mellillo Middle School will host Family Fitness Night on Feb. 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Activities will include zumba instruction, fitness demos, inflatables, concessions and fitness basket giveaways.

Guinn fundraiser set

A car wash fundraiser for Zerick Guinn's campaign for Harris County Precinct 2 Constable will be held Sunday, Jan. 29, at Kwik Kar Lube & Ocean Car Wash, 11210 Scarsdale, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Barbecue plates will be available for \$10 or \$5 with a car wash. For more information, call Heather Sims at 713-443-2588 ext. 250.

Supreme Court rules on redistricting

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Friday, Jan. 20, that interim redistricting maps drawn by a federal three-judge panel in San Antonio may not be used for the 2012 elections.

The high court unanimously ordered the panel to redraw the temporary maps based on the ones originally drafted by the state's GOP-led Legislature. The justices, however, gave the San Antonio judges the authority to draw new boundaries

in areas where there is a "reasonable probability" that the Legislature's maps would violate the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The ongoing legal battle may force the primary elections to be delayed again. They have already been pushed back from March 6 to April 3.

The delay in the process has also caused much confusion regarding candidate filing, as there are

currently no set districts, leaving it unclear who is eligible to run and where they should campaign.

This latest ruling is viewed as somewhat of a victory for both parties.

Republican Rep. Ken Legler is enthusiastic about the decision.

"This is a monumental rebuke to the judicial activism by the federal judges in San Antonio,"

Legler said. "While I am very pleased that the maps adopted by two of the three judges were thrown out, I am guardedly optimistic because the new maps are yet to be drawn, and the order did not address filing or primary timeframes."

Conversely, Harris County Democratic Party Chair Lane Lewis remains hopeful the new maps will still reflect the state's growing Hispanic population.

"Every court that has looked at the Republican gerrymandered maps has smelled something fishy," Lewis said. "The Supreme Court did not dismiss the court-drawn maps that returned fair play to the voters, they simply said that they wanted the San Antonio court to be more clear as to how they arrived at their conclusions. We are confident the San Antonio court will accomplish this."

Chamber holds annual banquet

The 27th annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce installation banquet will take place Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland.

Titled, "Go Red for Women," this year's event will support the fight against heart disease in women.

The Citizen of the Year and Chamber Member of the Year awards will be presented at the banquet. The event will also include the introduction of all 2010 chamber officers and directors, who will be sworn in by Judge Jo Ann Delgado.

Confirmed guests include U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, state Sen. Mario Gallego, state Reps. John Davis and Ken Legler, Harris County Commissioners El Franco Lee and Jack Morman, Pearland Mayor Tom Reid, Houston City Councilmembers Mike Sullivan, Wanda Adams and Jack Christie and Harris County Judge George Risner.

The reception will begin at 6:15 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Evening attire is preferred. Guests should RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 31. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Dobie musicians selected to All-State



Three Dobie High School students were selected to the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles during auditions that were recently held at Lamar University. Left to right, Chase Morris on Bb clarinet, April Henderson on trumpet and Edwardo Rios on violin will represent Dobie and the Pasadena Independent School District at the Texas Music Educators Convention in San Antonio Feb. 8-11. This is Morris' second time as an All-State Musician. This honor is reserved for less than 2 percent of high school musicians in Texas who begin the audition process. (See related photos on Page 6A.)

Photos submitted

PISD names Moses as Dobie's new principal

In a flurry of major personnel moves on Tuesday, Franklin Moses was named the new principal at Dobie High. Steve Fleming was selected as the first principal of the Pasadena Independent School District's yet-to-be built career tech high school, and John Snelson, head football coach at Memorial High since its inception, confirmed that he has resigned to take the same position at Dickinson High School.

The board of trustees on Tuesday, Jan. 24, approved Moses and Fleming while also naming a new associate superintendent for facilities and construction. Named to that position was Kevin Fornof, who served as director of facility development for the Crowley ISD until last year.

Moses had served as assistant principal at Dobie since 2005. Before coming to Dobie, he

taught for one year at Park View Intermediate.

He is a native of Louisiana, a 1998 graduate of McNeese State University and a former math teacher and girls basketball coach at DeRidder (La.) High School.

He succeeds Steve Jamail, who last month announced his retirement after 11 years as Dobie's principal.

Moses becomes only the fifth principal in Dobie's 44-year history. Allen Sory served as principal when the school opened in 1968. His successors were Frank Braden in 1976, Jerry Speer in 1988 and Jamail in 2000.

Speer was among the board members who unanimously approved Moses.

PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis is enthusiastic regarding Moses' appointment.

"I'm really excited," Lewis said. "Franklin knows the kids, and he knows what they need. And it is his goal to see that those needs are met."

Fleming, an assistant principal at Memorial and member of the school's original staff, was named the first principal of the career and technology education campus, a facility to be built from bond funds approved by voters last November. A location for the new campus has yet to be chosen.

Fleming served as a chemistry and physical science teacher at Pasadena High from 1989 to 1999 before taking an instructional specialist position with the district. He is a 1988 graduate of the University of Houston.

Snelson, a Sam Rayburn High graduate, guided all six of his Memorial football teams to the state playoffs. His Mavericks won the district title in 2009, but his 2007 club provided Pasadena



Franklin Moses

ISD with one of its most memorable seasons.

Memorial advanced to the third round of the playoffs with victories over Baytown Lee and Brazoswood. The Mavericks relinquished a two-touchdown lead the following week and lost to Katy, the eventual state champion.

Snelson posted a 37-30-1 record for his six seasons at Memorial.

Fornof takes the associate superintendent spot vacated last year by Julian Garcia, who retired. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington.

Possible tornado causes scare

A possible tornado ripped through the South Belt community Wednesday, Jan. 25, around noon near the *Leader* office. While unconfirmed at press time, staff members heard a loud train-like sound, as strong gusts of wind shook the building and blew its doors open. For safety, the staff gathered in the center of the building until the storm calmed. Several area structures and fences suffered wind damage. Pearland police reported a tornado on Main Street.

Mayo, 67, earns top honors at San Jac

Kathy Mayo, pictured at right, dons her Phi Theta Kappa stole and honors chords at the December 2011 graduation ceremony at San Jacinto College's North campus where she was named valedictorian. Mayo received this high honor for her outstanding academic performance and exceptional 4.0 grade point average, which she maintained while earning her Associate of Applied Science in applications programming. (See related story on Page 6A.)



Layton Coulter



Robert Jimenez



Tia Stone



Seamus Lamb

controlled substance in Amelia Stone, 19, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1 (heroin) and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. Robert Griego Jimenez, 24, was charged with possession of a Penalty Group 1. Tia Stone, 19, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1. Seamus Bernard Lamb, 22, was charged with possession of marijuana.

A narcotics search warrant was executed at the house at approximately 6:45 p.m. Friendswood officers entered the residence and found two vials containing liquid heroin, marijuana, two boxes of narcotic paraphernalia and syringes, as well as a semi-automatic pistol and ammunition.

During the investigation, officers gained knowledge that Coulter was living at the Sagemont residence with Jimenez and that he had

an active parole revocation warrant. Coulter is a convicted felon.

This is the second narcotics search warrant to be executed at Jimenez's home. In January 2010, officers arrested Jimenez after they found black tar heroin, liquid heroin, LSD, codeine, marijuana, hashish and a large variety of illegal prescription pills. Jimenez pleaded guilty and received 42 months of community supervision.

His probation for this offense does not expire until September 2013. In March 2011, Jimenez was charged with a misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance; he received 10 days in the Harris County jail. Jimenez is now in the Harris County jail on a \$2,000 bond.

Coulter's prior arrests includes a 2008 charge for possession of more than 17 grams of heroin with intent to distribute and a 2009 arrest for possession of 4 grams of heroin with intent to distribute. Coulter was placed on three years of community supervision.

His probation was set to expire March 2012; Continued on Page 6A

Readers' Opinions

Muecke: A great PIP meeting

We had one of the largest crowds ever and those in attendance found it to be very worth while. Ms. Lois Gibson, a Houston Police Sketch Artist made a presentation on her amazing ability and talent to do sketches from just skulls, to very vague descriptions of criminals. Remember Baby Grace who was found in a suit case in Galveston bay. Lois had very little to work with and did an amazing job where the grand mother in Iowa was able to identify the baby. Remember the sailor kissing the nurse after WW 11, Lois was able to prove which one of 23 men that claimed to have kissed the nurse was the real one. Lois not only works with HPD, but the FBI and any other police organization, 24 hours a day, to help identify suspects. Two books you may be interested in reading are FORENSIC ART by Lois Gibson and FACES OF EVIL by Lois Gibson and Deanie Mills.

PIP, Positive Interaction Program, has locations throughout Houston. Our meetings are at Southeast Herman Memorial Hospital on Astoria. I cannot urge you enough to start coming to these meetings and learn more on how the HPD is there to protect us, but also helps us learn about crime prevention. Hope to

see you at the next meeting as announced in the *South Belt Leader* each month.
Jim Muecke

Harris: 'Suicide' not just a word

Eight years ago "suicide" was just a word to me. That was before my 12 year old daughter took her own life. Now that word has inspired action, inspired me to make suicide prevention my life's mission. Sadly, as the 10th leading cause of death, suicide continues to take an enormous toll on families, friends and entire communities.

That is why on Thursday February 9th I will be traveling to our nation's capital to meet with my members of Congress and urge their support of legislation furthering suicide prevention, education and research. My involvement is part of a national movement coordinated by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) as part of their Annual Advocacy Forum. Hundreds advocates from across the country will meet with their members of Congress that day and encourage their support for suicide prevention.

Even if you haven't been personally affected by suicide, please take a moment to visit www.afsp.org and learn how you can get involved here in Texas.

Sincerely,

Irene Harris

Invitational's 'most successful year' yields \$165,000 check

Calling it "our most successful year ever," the chairman of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament presented a check for \$165,000 to the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation recently to be used for the group's continuing support of mini-grants for district teachers.

Ben Meador, chairman of the tournament, handed over the check to Education Foundation President Bill Barmore during a ceremony in the board room of the administration building. Dozens of guests were treated to a reception following the ceremony.

The check represented proceeds from last November's tournament, the first to be carried nationally on cable TV. The total exceeded by \$20,000 the amount raised in 2010.

The tournament has now generated \$835,000 over its 11-year history.

"We will go over the \$1 million mark next year," Meador promised.

Meador also presented a check for \$31,555.30 to the Deer Park Independent School District, which partnered with the tournament last fall for the first time.

"I'm really grateful to have the Deer Park folks join with us," Meador said.

Dr. Kirk Lewis, superintendent for the Pasadena ISD, expressed his gratitude for the hard work of organizers and volunteers.

"I promise you," he said, "that every dollar we get will benefit kids."

George Easterling was honored as the tournament's Volunteer of the Year.

Rita Townsend, an executive with Meador Staffing, received a special award for her years of service to organizing efforts.

Brook debate excels at Memorial

The Clear Brook Debate Team competed at Pasadena Memorial the weekend of Jan. 20-21, returning with numerous awards and state points as they continue their march toward the Texas Forensics Association state tournament in Amarillo on Thursday, March 1.

Returning home with awards were Adriel Rivera, Rishi Suresh and Armin Shariatmadari, who placed first, second, and fourth, respectively, in foreign extemporaneous speaking.

Placing first puts team his-

torian Rivera within one point of his state qualification.

Shariatmadari now stands at five points as he continues his quest for the remaining needed points to qualify.

Also realizing success in extemporaneous speaking was Hunter Bodiford, team vice-president who placed second in domestic extemporaneous speaking and Reagan Long who achieved a fourth-place finish in the novice extemporaneous division.

Impromptu speaking accounted for two more awards, won by Suresh and Shariat-

madari who placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Debaters who advanced to out-rounds at the tournament include Suresh, Rivera, Shariatmadari, Omar Ibrahim, Safin Momin and Bodiford.

This placing for Bodiford puts him within four points of his second state qualification.

Rounding out the tournament were David Swanson and Rivera who brought home the second-place speaker award for novice Lincoln-Douglas debate and champion LD debate, respectively.



Clear Brook Debate Team members pictured are, left to right, Armin Shariatmadari, Adriel Rivera, Reagan Long, Hunter Bodiford and Rishi Suresh.

Photo submitted

All lanes of FM-2234 between SH-288 and FM-521/Alameda Road are now open

Texas Department of Transportation crews opened all lanes of FM-2234 between SH-288 and FM-521/Alameda Road recently. For more than a year, traffic has been traveling on the newly reconstructed westbound lanes as crews finished construction of the eastbound lanes and medians along the roadway.

The \$13 million project was awarded to J.D. Abrams Construction. Crews widened FM-2234 from a two-lane asphalt open-ditch facility to a four-lane divided concrete facility with two lanes in each

direction separated by a raised median.

Construction, which began in August 2010, also included culverts, striping, signing and traffic signals.

The project includes 2.4 miles of FM-2234 from SH-288 to FM-521. The expansion should relieve congestion in the area and make the roadway safer for the motorists traveling along the northern boundaries of Brazoria and Fort Bend counties.

"The completion of this project will greatly enhance mobility and safety for the

growing Pearland area," said Jim Hunt, Fort Bend County area engineer. "I greatly appreciate the City of Pearland and the public's patience and cooperation during the past year's construction." Funding for the project came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

For more information on projects in the Houston District, visit the official TxDOT website at www.txdot.gov or call the Houston District Public Information Office at 713-802-5076.

Olson opposes debt limit extension

Rep. Pete Olson, who represents the South Belt area, recently issued the following statement after voting in support of a Resolution of Disapproval of a \$1.2 trillion increase to the federal debt limit:

"House Republicans passed a strong budget last year that would cut spending by trillions and put our nation on a solid fiscal path. President Obama offered yet another budget that contained record spending increases. The latest request to increase the federal debt limit is symptomatic of our unsustainable amount of government debt.

The debt level is so high that it strains economic growth. Our debt has officially surpassed the size of our economy at 100 percent of gross domestic product (GDP).

"Since President Obama took office, over \$4.6 trillion has been added to our national debt. Under full Democrat control, we saw a 25 percent

increase in non-discretionary spending.

Since Republicans took control of the House, we have changed the debate from how much to spend to how much to cut.

But we have much more to do to restore fiscal sanity for the American taxpayer — that's why I voted for the Resolution of Disapproval and will continue to do all I can to rein in spending."

The vote was 239 yea, 176 no, 2 present.

Deaths

Joseph A. Engbrock Sr.



Joseph A. Engbrock Sr., 79, died in Webster, Texas, on Jan. 21, 2012, from Parkinson's disease. He was born on Jan. 15, 1933, in El Campo, Texas. He had lived in Eagle Lake, Texas, and in Houston and South Belt. He attended Garwood School. His children all graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School.

Engbrock is preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, JoAnne Martino-Engbrock; parents Charles A. Engbrock and Rosie Walker-Engbrock; son-in-law John Wesley White; brothers Gene Engbrock and Buddy Engbrock; and sisters Gertrude, Barbara and Marie.

He is survived by his children, Deborah Ann Engbrock-Peters and husband Charles R. Peters, Joseph A. Engbrock Jr., and Diane K. White; grandchildren, Angelina, Diana, Sarah and Nickolas; brothers, Johnny, Andrew and Paul; and many other relatives.

Engbrock was a retired longshoreman of 36 years from ILA Local 24. He raised his granddaughter, Angelina Engbrock. He loved to be surrounded by his family and friends, going to the country picnics and he loved to dance. Engbrock also loved going to Catholic bazaars and playing bingo, listening to polka

music, and watching Joel Osteen.

Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, from 3 to 9 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. at Funeraria Del Angel, 6330 Gulf Freeway in Houston.

The funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at 1 p.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. in Houston.

Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale St. in Houston.

Jerry Allen McDonald



Jerry Allen McDonald, 66, died due to lung disease Monday, Jan. 16, 2012. He was born on Oct. 2, 1945, in Laurel, Miss., to Clara Lee Carr and James Allen Boler. In 1949, his mother, Clara, married Joe McDonald who lawfully adopted Jerry and his sister, Janie.

McDonald graduated from R.H. Watkins High School in 1964 lettering in football and went on to be a star baseball player in the Jones County Independent Baseball League. He married his school sweetheart, Judy Sharon Stone, on June 9, 1967.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971 after which he continued a career as a grocery manager at Piggly Wiggly. The couple followed Judy's family to Houston in 1974 where he worked

Dobie hosts cheer clinic

The Dobie cheerleaders will host a one-day cheer clinic Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon with a parent show-off at 11 a.m. All participants will receive a T-shirt, lunch, a certificate, and are welcome to join the cheerleaders to perform at halftime at a varsity basketball game on Jan. 31. The clinic will be held at the Dobie gym. Cost is \$25 at the door or \$20 early registration. For information, contact Carolyn at chriscncar4@gmail.com or Rose at rose_neely@sbcglobal.net.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Jan. 26 through Feb. 1.

Join the library for after school craft time at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26. This program is for children ages 5 and up. All materials are provided.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will hold their quarterly book sale Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First Internet Basics I class is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact the library at 281-484-2036.

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

for Safeway Grocery until he became disabled in 1985.

McDonald enjoyed spending time with his sons and grandchildren. He was known to his neighbors as "Gentleman Jerry."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy, and his sister, Janie Carol Carlson.

McDonald is survived by his sons, Chris and wife Dawn of Sageglen, and Timothy and wife Shelley of Pearland; grandchildren, Chelsea McDonald, Alayna McDonald, Luke McDonald and Hayden McDonald; brother Jeff McDonald and wife Cindy of Laurel, Miss.; and sister Susie Parker of Laurel; sisters-in-law, Lydia Riley and Linda Craft and husband Mike; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and family members.

Funeral services were held at SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland on Jan. 20, 2012, officiated by the Rev. Rex Forsyth of Sagemont Church.

Those wishing to contact the family may email chrismcd@wans.net. A memorial video may be seen at <http://youtu.be/bP2vBm0CF0g>.

David Jackson



David Jackson, 83, a native of Lovelady, Texas, and resident of Waynesboro, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at his home. He had worked as a foreman at Hughes Tool Company and was a former South Belt resident.

Jackson is preceded in death by his first wife, Vivian Jackson; parents, George William and Lou Dena Jackson; two sons, Howard and Leslie Jackson; and a brother, George W. Jackson Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Jackson of Waynesboro; two sons, Douglas Jackson (Beverly) and Glen Jackson (Estela); daughter Teresa Croce of South Belt; two brothers, Charles Jackson (JoAnn) of Elm City, N.C., and Earl Jackson (Sarah) of Pearland; sister Sallie Ann Whitley of Elm City, N.C.; nine grandchildren: Chad Jackson, Jason Jackson, Michael Jackson, David Jackson, Casey Jackson, Jake Jackson, Clint Jackson, Craig Jackson and Julie Croce; two great-grandchildren, Allison Jackson and Jordyn Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, in the Chapel of Freeman Funeral Home in Waynesboro. Interment will be at Zion's Rest Cemetery in Euclutta, Miss.

Heavy rains present driving hazards, TxDOT urges caution

As heavy rains pass through the Houston area, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District is urging drivers to use extreme caution. Large rain events can create hazardous driving conditions on roads and bridges. Traffic signals, road signage and travel lanes may be damaged. Travel during heavy wind and rain is strongly discouraged due to the risk of flooding, debris and down power lines.

Motorists should never cross flooded roadways. Flash flooding is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in

Texas. As little as six inches of water can float some vehicles. If drivers encounter a flooded road, TxDOT says, "Turn Around, Don't Drown."

- Never try to walk, swim or drive through swift water.

- Stay informed about weather conditions when you are driving.

- If ones vehicle stalls in deep water, leave it and move to higher ground if it can be done safely.

- Don't move, tamper with or drive around barriers blocking a low-water crossing. Penalties range from \$200 to \$1,000 and/or two

years in jail.

TxDOT Houston District Emergency Operations Center monitor weather and drainage conditions throughout the day in conjunction with the National Weather Service and local government partners.

Information on TxDOT road conditions is available on the website at www.txdot.gov or by calling the Texas Road Condition and Travel Information hotline at 800-452-9292. Road conditions are also available from TxDOT Houston via twitter @txdothoustonpio.

Olson makes statement on Obama decision to again punt on Keystone

Rep. Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, recently issued the following statement in response to the White House rejecting TransCanada's application for a permit to build and operate the Keystone XL pipeline:

"The president continues his 'we can't wait' campaign slogan while American workers suffer through record unemployment. But it's the president who is making America wait for approval of this pipeline. The announcement is nothing more than another election year stunt to delay making the tough decisions required of a real leader.

"The president's own Council on Jobs and Competitiveness recommended moving forward on projects like this because it understands the importance of reducing our reliance on Middle East oil, creating

20,000 direct jobs and strengthening our energy security.

"The argument for delay due to a need for further study is false and merely an excuse to avoid offending a base constituency in an elec-

Green reacts to Obama's rejection of pipeline

On Jan. 18, President Obama officially announced that he would not be supporting the Keystone XL Pipeline. Rep. Gene Green had the following statement on this news:

"I am very disappointed in the president's decision today. While I understand his frustration at having to decide in a 60-day time frame, he could have conditionally approved the construction while TransCanada, the State Department and Nebraska

work on an alternate route through Nebraska. My hope is that TransCanada quickly resubmits their application and that the administration works with them on an expedited schedule since the National Environmental Policy Act process has already been conducted. Any further delays by the administration only prolong our dependence on oil from nations that are hostile to us and could encourage the Canadians to sell their product elsewhere."



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Dobie High School announces honor rolls for third sixth weeks

Dobie High School recently released its third six-weeks honor rolls. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Ninth grade
Gerardo Acevedo, Savannah Joe Amaro, Sarah Abigail Anleu, Oscar Arredondo, Kenneth Atriano, Kristal Paloma Ayala, Janai Nicholle Baerga, Taylor Nicole Bainter, Alexandra Nicole Banda, Alfreddo Banda, Yenlynn Hoang Banh and Gabriela Renee Barragan.

Bianca Alyssa Barrientos, Jose Carlos Benavides Sanchez, Gabriela Benavides, Victoria Alexis Blackmon, Evan Lamar Blaylock, Carl E. Blue, Zachary Grant Blue, Celeste Marissa Briones, Kiyah Simone Brooks, Zaria Arlena Brown and Madeline Nichole Buchman.

Thao Thi Thanh Bui, Trang Phuong Bui, Mayra Lucia Caisedo Bustillo, Deserey Marie Cabrales, Katherine Gibely Cabrera Martinez, Genovy Lisette Cabrera, Gilberto Hernan Campa, Christina Marie Castillo and Flavio Gabriel Castillo.

Samantha Erica Castillo, Karina Evelyn Chaidez, Sonia Yanira Chaires, Danielle Ann Cisneros, Valerie Jane Colunga, Julian Valdez Coronado, Alexis Marie Corpus, Brian Isaac Cruz, Phong Thien Dang, John Matthew Delarosa and Racquel Marie Delgadillo.

Jasmine Phuong Thao Do, Michael Anthony Duron, Gabriela Elizarrazar, Crystella Marie Esquivel, Abdon Jose Ferreira, Alan Flores, Jazmine Yonita Freeman, Sabrina Andreina Frias, Edward C. Garcia, Michael Aaron Garcia, Kenia Mabel Garza and Patrice Elaine Gilbert.

Jay Edward Gish, Rachel Taylor Glass, Joshua Paul Godwin, Vincent Albert Gonzales, Isaias Gonzalez, Suzette Gonzalez, Anna Mae Goodman, Adolfo Javier Gracia, Kiara Doneisha Hart, Valeria Michelle Hernandez Tavera, Carolina Alejandra Herrera and Tanya Tho Ho.

Jessie Ngoc Huynh, Ryan Duc Huynh, Prince Ikenna Ibe, Austin John Ingalls, Caleb Ray Irving, Nicholas Daniel Jagdeo, Brittney Nicole Johnson, Desiree S. Johnson, Rhehana Dnai Johnson, Tia Jasmine Joseph,

Cynthia Minerva Juarez and Daniel Jungmo Kim.

Kaitlyn Renee Kindred, Krista Lyn Kindred, Alex Sam Kwok, Jacob Lara, Thu Anh Le, Angelica Antonia Lee, William Jacob Little, Nicollette Marguerite Lopez, Ralph Lopez, Ty Irvin Lozano, Jessena Innocence Luna, Linda Ly and Severiano Alejandro Magallon.

Ryan Alexander Mahler, Annalicia Cresencia Martinez, Carlos Martinez, Deanna Gabrielle Martinez, Isamar Martinez, Israel Ernesto Martinez, Xena Matamoros, Jose Agron Matus, Luke Allen McDonald, Maria Lidia Mejia Ortiz, Juan Luis Mel-sio and Valerie Mendoza.

Victoria Yamileth Mendoza. Mason Hunter Miller, Isaac Conrad Mills, Madisen Paige Minter, Maria Del Pilar Mireless, George Anthony Molina, Yenifer Esthely Molina, Madison Taylor Moreno, Jimmy Adrian Nevarez, Betram Truong Nguyen and Catherine Nguyen.

Dona Ngoc Nguyen, Elissa Huang Nguyen, Elizabeth Nguyen, Giaan Khuong Nguyen, Hiep Phu Nguyen, Hung Thai Nguyen, Julie Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen, Michelle Huyen Nguyen, Ngoc Mai Nguyen, Nhuhinh Liza Nguyen, Taylor Han Nguyen and Tina Hoai Nguyen.

Tran Bao Nguyen, Zaed Dac Nguyen, Andrea Nicara-gua, Gerardo Angel Nunez, Malyn Lassette Nunez, Augustine A. Oguamanam, Maricruz Varela Olivares, Adrianna Nicole Ontiveros, Ana Maria Ortiz, Jai Raj Patel, Shiv Nirmal Patel and Lorena Elizabeth Paz.

Arthur Estrada Pedraza, Jocelyn Pena, Juan Iram Perez, Marcus Anthony Perez, Amalia Paulette Peria, Caxton Santos Petri, Amy Pham, Hoaiphuong Tran Pham, Linh Phuong Pham, Nhi Thuc Pham, Thiet Minh Pham, Uyen Nhat Nguyen Pham and My Kieu Phan.

Alan Quy Phan, Kieu Kathy Phan, Roberto Simon Pineda, Celina Kim Rabe, Francisco Rangel, Adriana Araceli Resendez, Gladys Reyes Rivera, Glenda Reyes Rivera, Jaielene Reyes, Juan Miguel Reyes, Kayla Marie Richard and Sidaria Nate Robertson.

Athena Skye Robles, Alex-

is Renea Rodriguez, Lester Patrick Rodriguez, Yesenia Marie Rodriguez, Erica Mary Romero, Ray Angel Romero, Franklin Ivan Roque, Angela Grace Geopano Rosales, Edward Salazar, Valeria Saldierna, Alexis Ivan Saldivar and Juan Jose Saldivar.

Reginald Tyson Salinas, Michelle Brenda San Miguel, Lauren Patricia Sanchez, Sophia Annette Sarabia, Kyler Dasan Scott, Jonathan Adam Shaw, Mikaila Trena Singleton, Karaanne MacKenzie Snyder, Stella Ngonda Somdah and Jacqueline Esmeralda Soria.

Harry Langston Swinton, Chelsea Tajonera, Linh Nhut Thai, Liliana Ruby Torres, Andrea Thu Tran, Hieu Vo Tran, Jenny Thi Tran, Lauren Tuy Thao Vo Tran, Nikki Tinhdan Tran, Theresa Tran, Triny Ynhi Tran and Donna Nguyen Trinh.

Jeffrey James Tyber, Samuel M. Valdez, Ruben Kalani Vargas, Angelica Faith Vasquez, Joshua Xavier Vasquez, Rosa Alicia Velazquez, Princess O. Villanueva, Jacquelyn Simone Villarreal, An Binh Vo, Kevin Minhvuong Vo and Valerie Thanh Thy Vo.

Khanh Quoc Vu, Christopher Sameh William, Jonathan Avery Woodall, Alyxus Jade Workmon, Christian Tylor Wright, Timothy Aidan Wright, Shelby Allison Yocum and Angelica Rosario Zuniga.

Honor roll
Tenth grade
Jannessa Renee Ackman, Faria Akhter, Deanna Marie Alanis, Alicia Selena Alvarado, Carlos Omar Amaro, Heidi Christine Applegate, Taylor Nichol Ard, Benjamin Dean Amett, Erika Thalia Ascencio, Carolina Sanmiguel Avila, Valerie Alena Baez and Destinye Ayesha Barnes-Hall.

Tyler Gregory Baumann, Antonio R. Beltran, Haitem Benachour, Spencer Eric Beyer, Erin Nicole Blackwell, Joseph Robert Boutwell, Stephanie Lynn Buenrostro, Duc Anh Bui, Nhu Huynh Bui, Peter Dinh Bui, Thuy Thi Thanh Bui and Kevin Ruiz Caballero.

Jennifer Keren Calderon, Gerardo Alberto Campos, Nancy Evila Carrillo, Nicholas Dale Cessna, Darien Anthony Childs, Alexandra Guadalupe Cirlos, Eric Daniel

hoang Nguyen.

Shelby Keith Nunez, Mykayla Elizabeth Oconnor, Selena Ortiz, Jasmine Osorlo, Kevin Julian Padilla Hernandez, Monica Patel, Ariadna Abigail Pedroza, Aimee Gabriela Perez, Alexia Aundrea Perez, Eduardo Adrian Perez, Burgandy Rose Petri and Lauren Ashley Pettey.

Hong Thixuan Pham, Joseph Dat Pham, Khanh Minh Pham, Tuan Manh Pham, Ayeshum Rasool, Jordan Robert Razo, Zachary Dale Reyes, Kayla Monique Richardson, Jonathan Isaac Rivera, Sabin Rese Rocha, Breanna Ashley Roddy and Octavio Alexander Rodriguez.

Renata Augustina Rodriguez, Rodolfo Vicente Rodulfo, Gabriela Jazmin Romero, Christian Vianney Rosales, Yadira Ruiz, De Andre Imari Russell, Ivana Salazar, Karla Patricia Santillan, Emily Nicole Sargent, Wesley M. Schoppe, Gabriela Serrano and Alexius Victoria Shea.

Christopher Craton Shotwell, Damaris Verenice Siddrian, Destinee Moree Smith, Layton Robert Wayne Smith, Rosalva Elizabeth Solis, Bandur Tessa Somdah, Catherine Jeanette Sorto, Mario David Sotocastillo, Taylor Matthew Surratt and Angelo J. Symeonidis.

Kimberly Elizabeth Tescum, Ernest Martin Thumann, Brian P. To, Tanya Torres, Anh Tran, Brian Anh-Khoa Tran, Bryan Huy Phong Tran, Diana Thuy Duong Tran, Emily Phuong Tran, Justin Tran, Luan Thanh Tran, Vy Toung Thi Tran and Jennifer Gia Buu Trinh.

Khoa Xuan Truong, Quachthinh Le Truong, Bianca Michelle Valerio, James Varghese, Jancy Varghese, Joshua Varghese, Savana Terra Velasquez, Ilse Alejandra Vielmira, Miranda Alexis Villanueva, Greer Ethan Vincent and Cindy My Huyen Vo.

Uyen Gia Vo, Hanh Thi Hong Vu, Lien Thi Vu, Quyen Hoang Vu, Jovanni Ravione Phil Wade, Adrianna Lee White, Alyssa Grace Williams, Brian Mbugua Williams, Austin Lawrence Xayadeth, Celes Onari Young and Ytzel Yzaquirre.

Honor roll
Eleventh grade
Michael Richard Abston, Jennifer Acero, Domingo Joe Acosta, Laura Itzel Aguilar, Frida Janeth Aguirre, Sadia Akhter, Analia Victoria Al-coba, Carol Lilian Amaro, Dominique Latrice Anderson, Aaronnathaniel G. Arambula, Joel Michael Arhelger and Jessica Carina Armenta.

Courtney Brooke Assed, Genevieve Au, Debbie Amy Auguiste, Christian Avitia, Jacquelyne Marie Baade, Kalon Tyrell Bailey, Terrence Glenn Bailey, Israel Banda, Ronnie Gene Barnes, Rhianna Raquel Barrientos, Angelica Michelle Benavides and Cody Edwin Bennett.

Travis Devin Berkstresser, Johnathan Betancourt, Audrey Lenore Beyer, Sobia My Bhatty, Nancy Book, Tralynn Marie Boutte, Krystal Marie Brewer, Jasmine Hienthanh Bui, Amber Nicole Cadena, Alisa Michelle Calvillo, Brian Keith Campbell, Michelle Campos and Jose Luis Cantu.

Roland Cao, Neftali Antonio Carcamo, Cecilia Gisell Cardenas, Cristian Cardenas, Zhaoeren Chen, Cody G. Collins, Avery Lynne Crocker, Alejandra Curiel, Travis Pham Dao, Raven Elizabeth Davis, Shyann Kormel Dempsey, Dennis R. Diaz, Eva Diaz and Alberto Joel Dorantes.

Michael Quoc Thang Du, Noah West Escamilla, Rene Giovanni Escobar, Maria E. Ferreira, Adrian Rene Flores, Andrew Joseph Flores, David Eduardo Fraga, Aissa Monique Fuentes, Anthony Miguel Garza, Jason Vy Giang, Lisa Renee Gill and Jordan Nicole Glynn.

Claudia Bianca Gonzalez, Daniel Andres Gonzalez, Martin Gonzalez, Yadira Gonzalez, Michael Ryan Graham, William Calan Grant, Rebecca Michelle Guerra, Vanessa Guerrero, Johnathon Dylan Guzman, Mathew Ryan Guzman, Damon De'sean Hall and Caleb Chase Hanley.

Kamille Lynette Harris, Leyna Hay, Michael John Henderson, Osaka Heng, Devin Lorin Hernandez, Kaila Nichole Hernandez, Christian Andrew Highfield, Rosaura Delpilar Hilario, Aleeyah Anjeanique Holland, Katherine Marie Houghton and Brent Regan Hubbell.

Jasmine Darnesha Hubley, Jasmin Bentancourt Huerta, Danh Cong Huynh, Jimmy Thien Huynh, Raphael Chukwuyekwu Igbokwe, Nantiporn Kate Inchun, Anna Lynne Ingalls, Jesmi Jacob, Sidney Joseph Jacques, Jonathan Moore Jones, Paige MacKenzie Jones and Sabrina Juarez.

Anna Concepcion Kamasz, Sydney Ann Keatts, Paul Kwang Mo Kim, Ira Michelle Lanza, Mai Bich Le, Katherine Erin Lee, Michelle Elizabeth Lee, Kody Alan Lefever, Eric James Leuenberger, Brianna Nicole Lopez, Minhtrung Nguyen Lu, Kimberly Oanh Luu and Denise Thuy Ma.

Eusebio Maldonado, Scott

SJC names NISOD award winners

San Jacinto College has named eight faculty, administrators and staff as its 2011-2012 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award recipients for their achievements and continued dedication to student success.

The 2011-2012 SJC recipients are: Christopher Wild, Central campus chemistry professor; Van Wiggington, Central campus dean of liberal arts and social sciences; Cindy Barbee, North campus lead faculty for emergency medical technology; Tim Banks, North campus pastry arts instructor; Matthew Lewis, South campus math professor; Lambrini Nicopolous, South campus biology professor; Dr. Rebecca Goosen, SJC associate vice chancellor for college preparatory; and Mini Izaguirre, SJC financial analyst/accountant.

Central campus NISOD award recipients Wild and Wiggington both agree that seeing the students' hard work pay off is the most rewarding thing to them. "I constantly strive to find solutions to problems and develop new approaches and strategies to maximize the opportunities for our students to succeed," said Wiggington.

"By showing students the benefits of organic chemistry and the opportunities that are available, I have introduced them to an exciting career path that they may not have considered before," noted Wild.

North campus' Barbee and Banks enjoy learning just as much as their students. "The most rewarding thing about my position is that I get to make every day new and different," said Banks.

Barbee added that medicine is an ever-changing field, and an EMT never stops

learning. "Therefore, I must continue to learn both for and with my students," she said. "I feel a need to constantly challenge them to exceed their perception of their own abilities and to gain the confidence needed to remain calm in surrounding chaos to be able to render aid to someone in need."

South campus recipients Lewis and Nicopolous find the biggest rewards in seeing their students succeed in spite of their own perceived challenges. "I constantly encourage my students, even when they sometimes feel as though they can't make it," said Nicopolous. "One of the best feelings in the world is when these same students come back to visit and share their stories of success."

Lewis also agrees, and finds that sharing his own experiences only enhances his teaching methods. "When a student learns something

about the world around them, their experience of the world expands and gets richer," he said. "Mathematics and science have always had the most enriching effect on me. The most rewarding part of my position is getting to enjoy and share that experience with students every day."

Though not directly in the classroom, SJC administrators Goosen and Izaguirre feel that improving on administrative processes definitely elevates student success, and reflects well on the college. "I spend time collecting data, analyzing information, reading research and literature in the field and then determine how we can apply that information into a program that will support student learning, success in college and ultimately in their lives," said Goosen.

Izaguirre has challenged herself to improve existing

processes in the budget and finance cycles, while investigating best practices in higher education budgeting to increase her knowledge in order to make San Jacinto College a better place to work. "Working with and learning from people of diverse cultures, beliefs, and backgrounds is definitely one of the best parts of what I do," she added.

NISOD emphasizes the importance of teaching and leadership excellence in institutions of higher education. The organization assists teachers and educational staff members through conferences, publications, web services, partnerships and various programs. Since 1978, NISOD has been dedicated to the professional development of faculty, administrators and staff and to the continued improvement of teaching and learning, with the ultimate goal of student success.



San Jacinto College chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer (center) honors the 2011-2012 NISOD Excellence Award winners, left to right, Mini Izaguirre, Lambrini Nicopolous, Cindy Barbee, Christopher Wild, Van Wiggington and Dr. Rebecca Goosen. Not pictured are Matthew Lewis and Tim Banks. Photo by Teri Fowle

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PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT						Exhibit C-3
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES						
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
For the Year Ended August 31, 2011						
Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues						
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$108,256,720	\$28,203,681	\$293	\$9,608,225	\$146,068,919	
5800 State program revenues	241,198,033	14,207,728		7,041,946	262,447,707	
5900 Federal program revenues	5,567,127			93,284,830	98,851,957	
5020 Total revenues	355,021,880	42,411,409	293	109,935,001	507,368,583	
Expenditures						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	206,816,702			60,002,196	266,818,898	
0012 Instruction resources and media services	5,445,677			560,053	6,005,730	
0013 Curriculum and staff development	4,977,929			2,296,528	7,274,457	
0021 Instructional leadership	4,112,015			1,850,783	5,962,798	
0023 School leadership	27,994,593			2,793,180	30,787,773	
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	12,360,268			6,374,373	18,734,641	
0032 Social work services	150,929			71,633	222,562	
0033 Health services	3,773,565			604,836	4,378,401	
0034 Student transportation	12,351,247			1,190,717	13,541,964	
0035 Food services	18,083			28,629,612	28,647,695	
0036 Extracurricular activities	5,372,411			1,031,891	6,404,302	
0041 General administration	9,570,078			192,964	9,763,042	
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	41,924,446			2,609,823	44,534,269	
0052 Security and monitoring services	4,238,953			531,937	4,770,890	
0053 Data processing services	5,682,054				5,682,054	
0061 Community services	12,009			280,815	292,824	
Debt service:						
0071 Principal on long-term debt	290,000	16,225,000			16,515,000	
0072 Interest on long-term debt	18,977	17,641,904			17,660,881	
0073 Bond issuance costs and fees		784,435			784,435	
Capital outlay:						
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	2,881,600		4,929,069		7,810,669	
Intergovernmental:						
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs	355,238				355,238	
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	1,086,952				1,086,952	
6030 Total Expenditures	349,433,726	34,651,339	4,929,069	109,021,341	498,035,475	
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	5,588,154	7,760,070	(4,928,776)	913,660	9,333,108	
1200 Net change in fund balances	5,588,154	7,760,070	(4,928,776)	913,660	9,333,108	
0100 Fund Balance - Beginning	87,266,062	44,834,851	5,283,904	7,764,719	145,149,536	
3000 Fund Balance - Ending	\$92,854,216	\$52,594,921	\$355,128	\$8,678,379	\$154,482,644	
See Notes to the Financial Statements.						

Morris MS releases 2nd nine-weeks rolls

Morris Middle School recently announced its second nine-weeks honor rolls. Students earning status are:

Honor roll

Fifth grade

Shea Alfonso, Roberto Campa, Jennifer Canales, Alyssa Carrico, Raul Delgado, Kevin Dinh, Jacklynn Duong, Katelynn Duong, Robert Early, Eric Escobedo, Katherine Flores, David Garcia, Krystalyn Garcia, Angel Gomez and Daniela Gonzalez.

Karen Green, Megan Harris, Joseph Hernandez, Sofia Hernandez, John Hoang, Bao Huynh, Morisa Johnson, Joshua Kay, Ricardo Lima, Laurny Locksey, Austin Luu, Nairda Macedo, Richard Medrano, Judy Ngo and Khanh Nguyen.

Michelle Nguyen, David Nolen, Katherine Orta, Wendy Pantoja, Alfredo Perez, Isaiah Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Daniel Saiz, Valeria Salazar, Kareem Salomon, Gabriel Sanchez, Michael Sartor and Neema Shafaei.

Kyana Shannon, Jocelyn Solis, Ty'via Taulton, Michaela Taylor, Christian Tijerina, Fernanda Torres, Lily Tran, Sebastian Tran, Sydney Tran, Taylor Tran, Dominic Trinh, Clare Vanpelt, Alyssa Walker and Jack Yu.

Sixth grade

Maryvn Acosta, Grace Aguirre, Pedro Alba, Baile Ankenbruck, Malik Anthony, Luis Arellano, Gisselle Armenta, Mirodello Ashford, Louis Ayala, Garrett Barrientos, Cynthia Bautista, Reena Benitez and Justin Bimel.

Daniel Botello, Kimberly Bui, Sarah Bustamante, Ramon Cahue, Caleb Campbell, Fabian Cardenas, Robert Castillo, Fernando Choto, Genna Copeland, Cuauhtemoc Cornejo, Zachary Couchman and Celeste Covarrubias.

Jason Cruz, Alexander Cuaping, Jackelyn Davila, Briana Davis, Deishawn Davis, Daniel Delarosa, Clarissa Diaz, Morgan Dugas, Alan Early, Miguel Elizarraras, Alex Estala, Alfredo Estrada, Zachary Fernandez and Jacob Ferrell.

Maria Figueroa, Madeline Flores, Melina Flores, Robert Flores, Karina Frias, Catherine Fuentes, Michelle Fuentes, Yackeline Galvan, Francisco Garcia, Gisselle Garcia, Gustavo Garcia, Klarissa Garza and Kristen Giles.

Jasslyn Gomez, Portillo, Maxine Gomez, Alfredo Gonzalez, Yicell Gonzalez, Ana Gracia, Lynda Grantham, Diana Guerrero, Jazmin Guerrero, Cassandra Guevara, Tina Ha, Brandon Harder and Sharelle Hardy.

Victoria Harris, Amanda Hernandez, Danny Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Ysabela Hinojosa, Alice Ho, Travis Ho, John'te Horace, Carolyn Huerta, Naureen Islam, Elizabeth Jasso, Javier Jimenez and Joshua Johnson.

Douglas Jones, Issac Kamasz-Santos, Lily Kieu, Josiah Knight, Britney Lari-viere, Jasmine Lewis, Jerianne Limtom, Alexis Lopez, Lauren Ly, Lillian Ly, Gavin Machado, Jordan Marcum and Jorge Martin.

Kathleen Masterson, Brittny Mejia, Samantha Merrill, Emily Mesa, Hana Mohamad, Jalen Momerele, Rachel Mondragon, Darianne Monreal, Mallerim Morales, Matthew Morales, Carlos Moreno and Jorge Moreno.

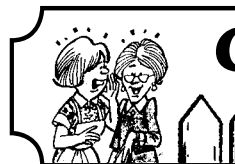
Krystal Moreno, Andrew Nguyen, Angela Nguyen, Emily Nguyen, Jenny Nguyen, Jenny Nguyen, Kerrington My-Lan Nguyen, Nam Nguyen, Tan Nguyen, Trinh Nguyen, Amy Nolen, James Odom and Paul Ontiveros.

Natalie Orta, Relencia Owens, Ryan Pair, Jacquelyn Pena, Gisselle Perez, Kadin Perez, Victor Perez, Jasmine Pham, John Phan, Long Phan, Tam Phan, Uyen Phan, Letizia Philbert, Jewel Pinales, Michelle Pozo, Kyrah Prince and Brittany Puentel.

Fabiola Quezada, Anthony Ramirez, Maria Rangel, Bryan Reyes, Mia Reyna, Jessica Richardson, Gardenia Rivas, Beatriz Rivera, Dwayne Robinson, Ana Rodriguez, Jazmin Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez and Raymond Rodriguez.

Xochitl Romero, Malorie Rosas, Erika Rubio, Melissa Ruiz, Jasonmatthew Sabal, Stephanie Saldivar, Monrai Scott, Victoria Ta, Adrian Tamez, Laquavious Thomas, Annie Tran, Kate Tran, Tony Tran, Donald Trinh, Marcely Tsikis and Pablo Tufino.

Veronica Unica, Joanna Urrutia, Roxanne Valdez, Leilani Vargas, Fernando Vega, Erika Velazquez, Holly Vu, Earnest Webb, Tabitha West, Karyn Williams, Sami Yu, Monica Zabala, Aleena Zaid and Perla Zuniga.



Over The Back Fence by Jan

LAILA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Dr. Laila Hassan celebrates her birthday Friday, Jan. 27. Best wishes are sent for a wonderful day from her family, friends, office staff and the *Leader* staff.

GRIFFINS CELEBRATE GOLDEN

Bobby and Kenneth Griffin mark their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Jan. 27. Their family, friends, and the *Leader* staff wish them a wonderful anniversary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DAVID

Birthday greetings are sent to **David Flickinger**, *South Belt-Ellington Leader* president, on Friday, Jan. 27. David is wished a great day by wife **Ellie**; daughter **Natalie**; grandson **Kelvin**; parents **Marie and David**; brother **Fred** and wife **Leslie**; nieces **Kimberly** and **Courtney** and husband **Chris** (and baby-on-the-way); and the staff at the *Leader*.

ANGELA ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Bobby and Kenneth Griffin send birthday wishes to daughter-in-law **Angela Griffin**, who celebrates a birthday Feb. 2.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent

School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 26 through Feb. 1.

Atkinson Elementary

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Nanette Presley** Jan. 26.

Burnett Elementary

On Jan. 28, birthday greetings are sent to **Pat McBride**. Blow out the birthday candles on Feb. 1 for **Donna Yates**.

Bush Elementary

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Melissa Medina** Jan. 31.

Frazier Elementary

A special birthday greeting is sent to **Janielle Wiley** Jan. 26. Jan. 27 is the day for a cake for **Shanette Eldridge**.

South Belt Elementary

On Jan. 27, blow out the birthday candles for **Kelly Lohse**. **Jennifer Hernandez** marks a birthday Jan. 28.

Melillo Middle School

Jan. 26 is the day for a celebration for **Maria Rodriguez**. On Jan. 29, **Bertha Sanchez** is wished a happy birthday. Jan. 31 is the day for a celebration for **Kelly Jurek**.

Morris Middle School

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Elecia Audish** Jan. 30.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

On Jan. 27, blow out the birthday candles for **Lisa Anders**. The day for a double-layer cake for **Maria Delacruz** and **Melissa Gonzalez** is Jan. 28. The day for a party for **Donica Arnold** is Jan. 30. **Maria Olvera** has a birthday Jan. 31.

Thompson Intermediate

A special birthday greeting is sent to **Felicia Petit** Jan. 30. A birthday is celebrated by **Laura Baker** Jan. 31.

Dobie High

Mysha Corb enjoys a birthday Jan. 26. The day for a party for **Todd Gerles** is Jan. 27. On Jan. 30, double birthday greetings are sent to **Steven Casteel** and **Elke Cerre** who share a birthday. **Leslie Rustin** is wished a happy birthday Feb. 1.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Stuchbery 'runners'



Stuchbery Elementary students, left to right, Abigail Lopez and Eleus Romero are the new "office runners" for the second half of the school year. The girls deliver items that parents bring into school such as lunch kits, folders and backpacks. The Stuchbery office staff really appreciates the girls' willingness to volunteer to run the items to the teachers. Both students are in Lauren Nalepa's fourth-grade class.

Local high school art faculty exhibit at SJC

The San Jacinto College South art department will host its annual high school faculty outreach exhibition featuring works from Clear Brook High School Visual and Performing Arts Chair Alicia Moore and Clear Creek High School Art Instructor Sue Lienhart.

Moore received her bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University and completed graduate studies at the University of Houston-Clear Lake and the University of Florida. She has exhibited work at The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake, Haak Winery, International Watercolor Exhibition, and was commissioned for work displayed in the League City Historical Society and St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston.

Lienhart received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University and master's from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and has exhibited work in several of the Colored Pencil Society of America's International Exhibitions. She is also a former drawing instructor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. In April, she will exhibit work in The Woodlands Waterway Art Festival, and Art in the Square in Southlake, Texas.

Moore and Lienhart's SJC exhibition opens Thursday, Jan. 26, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. in Art Gallery Room S-15.112 in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center on the South campus. For more information on SJC fine arts events, visit arts.sanjac.edu.

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Dobie cheer takes top honors



The Dobie Cheerleader Competition Team recently competed at Cheer Sport Competitions at Reliant Arena where they won first place in their division and Grand Champion over all in school and recreational teams. Dobie cheerleader sponsor is Angela Garza. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) A'Leeyah Holland, Felicia Fernandez,

Andrea Mitrowski, Catarina Johnson, (middle row) Desiree Alvarez, Celeste Cordero, Johnnea Blevins, Erika Yglesias, (back row) Kortney Neely, Sydney Gutierrez, Kaneesha Williams, Ashley McDonald, Adriana Resendez, Samantha DeLaCruz, Tia Joseph, Emily Sargent, Cree Dorsey, Savanna McCormack and Sabrina Troxlar.

Photo submitted

Remember When

35 years ago (1977)

Four hundred and ninety students from the Scarsdale and Woodmeadow areas anxiously awaited the day that they could begin classes at their own school — Burnett Elementary.

School board candidates appeared together at the PTA meeting at Pasadena High School to answer questions about artificial turf, open concept schools and the trimester.

30 years ago (1982)

Houston arson investigators determined that a fire which destroyed a home in the 10400 block of Sagewick was deliberately set.

Robert E. Taylor was shot on Choate Road while clinging to his car after it was stolen from the Sagemont Shell station.

Two PISD incumbent trustees were handily returned to office in a low voter turnout election.

25 years ago (1987)

Officer Gary Brown, a Kirkmont resident, was rewarded for his extraordinary valor by being named an Officer of the Year by the 100 Club of Houston, Inc.

The South Belt Security Alliance made an agreement for Clay Development, owner of Sagemont Shopping Center, to use office space at the center for a nominal fee.

20 years ago (1992)

Carmen Orozco was elected president of the Pasadena School Board.

Phyoc Ba Nguyen, 19, and Kerry Deal, 20, were charged with aggravated robbery. The two men and a juvenile entered the home of Le Duc Nguyen on

Sagepark as he counted the day's receipts from his Market Fish Grocery. The men knocked down the victim's wife as she opened the door to take out the trash. Nguyen then fired a gun at the assailants, who returned fire. Nguyen suffered two gun shot wounds to the head and died at the scene. One of the suspects, Phuoc Ba Nguyen, was shot, but managed to flee on foot. The suspects stole an undisclosed amount of money.

Highland Meadow resident Miriam Willis appeared before Harris County Commissioner and charged two men in Precinct 2 Constable's Gary Freeman's office with sexual harassment. Willis said she was fired for not disclosing to Freeman's office the information she had given to the district attorney's office during an investigation of wrongdoing inside the department.

County Commissioners approved \$600,000 to purchase books for the proposed Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale at Beamer.

15 years ago (1997)

South Belt residents Kuo Lee, 82, and Billie Lee, 43, were killed when their car struck a concrete freeway support on the Gulf Freeway as they were exiting southbound at Scarsdale Boulevard.

Four inches of rain fell in a 2 1/2 hour span flooding 35 homes in Kirkmont and Kirkwood South.

10 years ago (2002)

Incoming South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce President Jannis Lowery pledged to lead the chamber in continuing to

make a good community even better.

After waiting a year for her second heart transplant and spending more than a month in intensive care, Lindsay Simpson finally received a new heart.

The Amezcuita family was awakened by a car crashing through the back wall of their home in the 12000 block of Binghampton. Police believe the driver, Johnny Galvan, 38, suffered a seizure while driving on Astoria Boulevard.

5 years ago (2007)

Army National Guard Maj. Derrek Hryhorchuk returned home for a visit following a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.

Dobie High School's head football coach and campus athletic director Tommy Kaiser left the school after a three-year stay to become head coach and campus athletic director at Tomball High School.

City of Houston construction at the intersection of Scarsdale and the Gulf Freeway was responsible for a broken water main. The incident occurred at a time the area was already receiving heavy rainfall.

1 year ago (2011)

Action Ministries celebrated its 20th anniversary. The nonprofit organization, run by South Belt residents Gordon and Pat Bergs, serves the needy in the community and beyond. What began as a two-person operation had evolved into several hundred volunteers. The Bergs celebrated the organization's anniversary at a banquet at The Gardens.

The 15th annual South

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Bolens celebrate 45 years



Longtime South Belt residents John and Cheryl Bolen will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 28. The couple were married at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church on Jan. 28, 1967. John has worked as a professor at San Jacinto College for 41 years and has worked at the South campus since its opening in 1979. Cheryl is the former news editor



of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, where she worked for 12 years. She currently authors historical romance novels. The couple have two children, Johnny Bolen and Bo Bolen. Both are Dobie High School graduates. Johnny, a 1986 graduate, is a practicing attorney, while Bo, a 1990 graduate, is a reporter for the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

Garza, Flickinger marry

Rosa Elia Reyes Garza and David Alan Flickinger were united in marriage on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Sean Horrigan officiated the double-ring ceremony. A reception followed at the Hobby Hilton. The bride wore a white strapless gown with a beaded, jeweled bodice. The beading and jewels also adorned the lower part of the A-line skirt, which flowed into a full train. She carried a bouquet of star gazer lilies, white hydrangeas, deep red roses and calla lilies. Natalie Garza, daughter of the bride, served as maid of honor, and the groom's father, David E. Flickinger, was best man. The bride is the daughter of Joaquina Reyes of Southwest Houston. She attended Westbury High School and is employed at M.D. Anderson. The groom is the son of Marie and David Flickinger of Clear Brook Meadows. He is a J. Frank Dobie High School graduate and president of the *South Belt Press, Inc.* The couple reside in the South Belt area.



Brook debate excels at Foster

The Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate Team recently returned with many awards from the Foster High School tournament.

In the speaking events, Hunter Bodiford placed third in domestic extemporaneous speaking.

Rishi Suresh placed fourth in the same event, earning him the necessary points for state qualification.

In impromptu speaking, Adriel Rivera placed fourth.

The team also performed well in the debate events.

Suresh earned second place in Lincoln-Douglas debate, and Armin Shariatmadari advanced to the octofinals earning him one state point.

Amogh Kulkarni received third place in the novice division of Lincoln-Douglas

debate.

In his first time competing, Rakesh Vijayakumar ad-

vanced to the quarterfinals of novice Lincoln-Douglas debate.



Lariaette 2012 Royal Ball court selected

The Dobie Lariaettes recently held their annual Royal Ball dance and banquet at Golfcrest Country Club in Green Tee. While at the banquet, the annual Royal Ball Court was named. These girls are selected by their teammates to the court.

At left: Winners of the 2012 Dobie Lariaette Royal Ball Court are, left to right, Sophomore Duchess Emmi Kieu, Senior Queen Blanca Garza and Junior Princess Tearra Small.



The 2012 Lariaette Royal Ball Court is, left to right, sophomore Karla Reyna, sophomore Emmi Kieu, sophomore Elizabeth Montemayor, senior Kameko Bryant, senior Blanca Garza,

senior Alaina Burns, junior Jennifer Acero, junior Tearra Small and junior Amanda Palacios.

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Wedding writeups must be run in the newspaper, not submitted, in the time outlined:

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Oliver! to open at Pasadena Memorial High School Jan. 27

The Memorial High School Fine Arts Department is set to present *Oliver!*, a musical debut as *Oliver*, a young orphan boy who runs away from his orphanage and joins a team of pickpocketing boys.

Directed by theater arts teacher Charles Swan, the cast includes more than 75 performers, including 26 students from area Pasadena Independent School District elementary schools who make up the Young Com-

pany.

Conductor Stanley Oakes and musical director Paul Trahan are among several faculty members assisting with the production.

Leading roles will be played by David Weiser (Oliver), Nathan Schweitzer (Fagin), Alexis Vargas (Artful Dodger), Denitsa Nikolova (Nancy) and Armando Rodriguez (Bill Sykes).

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Dobie band students earn top honors at contest

Region 19 Band, Orchestra



Numerous Dobie High School students were selected through an audition to participate in the TMEA Region 19 Bands and Orchestra. Dobie came in second place for the largest number of students selected to these honor ensembles. The concerts were held at Pasadena High School on Jan. 14. Region members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Bryan Rodriguez, Imani Fernandez, Kevin Rodriguez, April Henderson (All-State), Amy

Hallaron, Gabby Deleon, Raul Rodriguez, Kemerly Dexter, Andres Delgado, Celeny Benitez, (middle row) Flavio Castillo Jordan Johnson, Zack Reyes, Dylan Guzman, Kayla Bryce, Briana Mazzola, Venerson Villanueva, Manuel Reyna, (back row) Evin Prescott, Leon Gilchrist, Erik Flores, Chanse Morris (All-State), Erick Frias, Nick Engle, Jason Giang, Joel Arhelger and Raa' Tansiel. (See related photo on Page 1A.)

Area Honors



Seventeen Dobie band students were selected with TMEA Area Honors. These students advanced from Regionals and auditioned with students from all over the Greater Houston area for a chance to be selected to one of the Texas All-State Ensembles. Area members are, left to right, (front row) Bryan Rodriguez,

Venerson Villanueva, Celeny Benitez, April Henderson, Kevin Rodriguez, Gabby Deleon, (middle row) Leon Gilchrist, Jordan Johnson, Dylan Guzman, Nick Engle, Kayla Bryce, Manuel Reyna, (back row) Chanse Morris, Joel Arhelger, Erick Frias and Raa' Tansiel. Not pictured is Ivan Dorantes.

New understanding of the moon, GRAIL mission

The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) invites all inquisitive adults to attend a presentation by Dr. Maria Zuber of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This free public presentation on

Thursday, Feb. 2, is the third in the 2011-2012 Cosmic Explorations Speaker Series at the LPI. This year's lecture series is titled *New Missions, New Perspectives, New Questions*.

How has exploration of the moon changed our understanding of our nearest celestial neighbor, and what new questions are scientists asking? How will the GRAIL mission contribute to our

understanding of the Moon?

Zuber continues the 2011-2012 Cosmic Exploration Speaker Series, *New Missions, New Perspectives, New Questions*, discussing how our view of the moon has changed over time and how spacecraft have helped shape our view of the moon.

Zuber is the E.A. Griswold Professor of Geophysics and chair of the Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research interests include the analysis of altimetry data, gravity and tectonics to determine the structure and dynamics of the Earth and solid planets.

Zuber's expertise in these areas comes in handy as the principal investigator for NASA's GRAIL mission to the moon which will produce a gravity map of the moon to better understand the lunar interior.

LPI's Cosmic Explorations

presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a light reception. No reservation is necessary. LPI is located in the USRA building at 3600 Bay Area Blvd. in Clear Lake; the entrance is located on Middlebrook Drive.

For further information about the Cosmic Explorations Speaker Series, contact Andrew Shaner at 281-486-2163 (shaner@lpi.usra.edu) or visit www.lpi.usra.edu/education/lectures.

The LPI is a nonprofit organization whose focus is on academic participation in studies of the current state, evolution, and formation of the solar system. LPI is operated by the Universities Space Research Association under a cooperative agreement with the Science Mission Directorate of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

For more information, visit the LPI's website at www.lpi.usra.edu.

67-year-old named San Jac valedictorian

By Karma L. Wright

Imagine never having used a computer or a mouse, being intimidated by tests and the classroom setting – especially after being out of school for 25 years – and then being named valedictorian of the December 2011 graduating class. For someone whose life and career never involved computers at all, Kathy Mayo has certainly made an impression on her classmates and instructors in San Jacinto College's computer programming department where she recently earned her Associate of Applied Science in applications programming.

After growing up in San Diego, Mayo earned her first degree – an Associate of Arts in life sciences – at San Diego Community College, was married, moved to Hawaii, and raised children. Once in Texas, she lost her husband. Some years later, at the prodding of a night shift nursing supervisor, she began taking continuing education classes at San Jacinto College, through which she earned her Microsoft Certification. "San Jac made me socialize," she says, "which was important as a widow." In 1997, she decided to start taking credit courses on the North campus, where she says the students were polite and made her feel at ease.

She recalls one of her first classroom triumphs as the day she tested a program in Turbo Pascal; "I didn't have a computer, so I had to write it down on paper. I didn't know if it was going to work or not. I was very methodically entering what I had done on paper and I hit 'run.' It worked! I jumped up, 'It works!' It was such an awesome feeling, it was amazing – I was hooked!"

Mayo primarily worked in

laboratories and loved her position as a phlebotomist until degenerative disk disease and glaucoma forced her to consider other options. Thankfully, her education from San Jac allowed her the opportunity for a promotion at Memorial Hermann Southeast. "I had already been assisting the director and the technicians. I was creating spreadsheets for our quality control, our cath inspections – making myself indispensable. If it hadn't been for San Jac, I wouldn't be here."

"After I graduated, I had a woman come up to me, and she congratulated me on being the class valedictorian – I didn't know I was! I was floored! I found out when they called my name. I knew I had a 4.0 average, but I didn't think anything of it. I signed in, had my stole on, and I received a card with my name on it and the degree I was getting. It said, 'see Marshall.' I had been singled out to lead groups before because I'm older; I didn't think anything of it. So I led

my group in and it was a proud moment – I love *Pomp and Circumstance*. It was on my bucket list to get my degree before I was 70!"

She goes on to describe the moment she found out about her immense achievement, "They said, 'The person with the highest...' and I wasn't really listening – I wasn't! 'The graduate with the highest grade point average is Kathy Mayo,' and the girl beside me says, 'That's you!' I got no phone calls, no emails. My department chair didn't know!"

After the ceremony, she had several people congratulate her, including "a few older people who came and said, 'I think I'm going to go back to school.' You talk about being gratified! Life's not over; I'm a parent, a grandparent, and a great-grandparent. Go for it! You're not dead!" Being in any class, Mayo feels, is going to keep the mind young, engaging all of its different abilities, especially when surrounded by younger classmates.

"I've always enjoyed young people. It's amazing how their minds work. I have this passion for North campus; it's an opportunity, especially with the economy the way it is now. A lot of these kids aren't going to be able to go to a four-year school. They aren't." Knowing this, Mayo feels it is as important as ever to have a working knowledge of basic computer applications. "I know some of the campuses were telling the kids 'If it's not transferable, don't take it here.' I think that's a disservice."

When asked what inspiration she hopes to leave behind, Mayo immediately knows what to say: "Don't sacrifice the future for the immediate. If you have a dream, go for it! If you can do it, now is the time to do it! Young people, older people – never stop learning."

What is next for Mayo? "I will continue to take classes. Maybe in business or more advanced computer classes."

See related photo on Page 1A.

Friendswood PD arrest Sagemonters

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however, in December 2010, he was sentenced to two years in prison for violating the terms of his probation. He served from February 2011 to March 2011 when he was released on parole until April 2012. Coulter is in the Harris County jail. He has two \$5,000 bonds for the current charges; however, no bond is set for the revocation of parole warrant.

Lamb was previously arrested in 2008 for possession of 17 grams of heroin and possession of

marijuana. In 2009, he was arrested again for possession of 38 grams of marijuana. And in 2010, he was arrested for possession of marijuana. He successfully served a year of probation. Lamb is in the Harris County jail on a \$1,000 bond. Stone was arrested for possession of heroin in March 2011. She received two years of felony probation that will expire in May 2013. Stone is in the Harris County jail and at press time had not had a bond set.

These arrests follow

the arrest of Isaac Christopher Dominguez, 25, of League City, who was charged with delivery of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1 (heroin) on Jan. 18 at 12:30 a.m. Dominguez was the subject of a traffic stop in the 3300 block of FM 528 where officers found him in possession of 7 grams of heroin. Dominguez remains in Harris County Jail on a \$20,000 bond. Dominguez's last arrest was for evading arrest after he led officers in a vehicle pursuit in October 2011.



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Players may sign up from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Challenger Baseball was created to allow youths with physical or developmental disabilities the chance to play the game in a safe environment. Players ages 4 to 18

are eligible to compete. There is no sign-up fee, and players will receive a jersey and team cap.

Teams will be built based on an individual player's capabilities and needs rather than age.

For more information about the league, visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll, then click on the Challenger Baseball icon.

Families may also contact SBHLL board member Chrystal Sulak, who is overseeing the program, at 713-240-7894.

Dobie softball hosts youth clinic at EFL

The 2012 Dobie Lady Longhorn Softball Clinic will be held Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the South Belt Girls Softball Association facility at El Franco Lee

Park. Girls age 6 to 14 are eligible to attend the session, which is \$30 per participant. Visit www.ladylonghornsoftball.org for more details.

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Hoops races taking shape

Things are getting interesting in the District 24-5A and District 22-5A varsity boys' and girls' basketball races, and so far, only the Wolverine boys are on solid ground.

Bouncing back from a loss to first-place Clear Lake, the Wolverines returned to trounce Dickinson and Alvin in successive games to maintain second place at 7-1 with six games to be played.

The same can't be said for some of the other teams.

The Lady Wolverines' varsity team defeated Alvin Jan. 24, to get to 5-5 in the standings with five games to be played, but the team is hoping that a 54-51 setback Jan. 21, to Dickinson doesn't prove too costly in the bid for a playoff berth.

At Dobie, both the boys' and girls' teams are at the .500 mark as each and every game takes on added importance.

The Longhorn boys are now 2-2 in the 22-5A mix after losing to South Houston Jan. 24. Dobie will host first-place Deer Park Jan. 27, to close out the first half of league play.

In the girls' race, the Lady Longhorns got 25 points from Shanequa Gaston but still lost to South Houston for the second time

this season, this time 51-35 Jan. 24, at Phillips Field House.

With just four games left in 22-5A play, the Dobie girls must beat only Pasadena and Sam Rayburn to make the playoffs, but this group is aiming higher.

Brook boys win pair
At 22-3 overall, the Clear Brook varsity boys' team is potentially in the midst of a special season.

A bidistrict playoff battle against District 23-5A, the state's toughest, looms ahead. But at the moment, the Wolverines are focused on playing one game at a time.

After a couple of upsets within the league Jan. 24, Clear Lake (8-0) and Clear Brook (7-1) have created a bit of separation between themselves and the other teams in the league.

Still, Wolverines' head coach Jason Pillow is taking nothing for granted in his approach with his team.

"We are in a one-game-at-a-time mode," Pillow

At right, shooting guard Chris Campbell and the Clear Brook Wolverines remain in the mix for the 24-5A title with an 8-1 mark, just a game back of leader Clear Lake.

Photo by John Bechtle

said after his team downed Alvin 83-36 Jan. 24.

"We have been preaching to the kids that each and every game is as important

as the next, and we are not looking past anyone.

"We have a tendency to play to the level of our op-

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Unbeaten JFD soccer faces elites

Locals vs. defending state champs

In a possible preview of things to come very late in the season, the Round Rock ISD Varsity Soccer Invitational is inviting Dobie back to compete with the big boys.

After going 4-0 at the event last season and handing eventual state champion Southlake Carroll a shoot-

out loss, the Longhorns are going back for more.

Crowned the Pasadena ISD Cup champions for the first time after a 1-0 victory over South Houston Jan. 21, Dobie is currently 8-0 and ranked fourth in the ESPN Rise national poll.

At Round Rock, Dobie is set to face Round Rock Mc-

Neil and Southlake Carroll, two teams also in the ESPN Rise poll, along with B. Nelson and Round Rock.

"It's a big test for our sure," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said.

"Last year we really set the tone for our season with a big showing at this tournament. It's obviously loaded in terms of talent. We just have to go out there and

play Dobie soccer."

It is interesting to note that Carroll claimed to have put together an unbeaten season despite the shootout loss to Dobie.

Whether or not that move will give the current Longhorns an extra incentive remains to be seen, but nonetheless, the stakes are high at this tournament.

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Lady Horns, Brook set softball scrimmages

Defending Region III finalist Dobie has joined Clear Brook in announcing varsity softball schedules for the 2012 season.

Both programs will be involved in scrimmages prior to the beginning of the regular season.

The Lady Longhorns, who advanced to the Region III championship series before losing to Pearland, will

host Alvin in a Wednesday, Feb. 1, scrimmage at the Pasadena ISD complex.

The varsity action is at 6:30 p.m., which is preceded by junior varsity play at 5 p.m. Dobie will then be part of a four-team scrimmage Saturday, Feb. 4, at Alvin. The scrimmage will also involve Santa Fe and Baytown Sterling.

Dobie's other scrim-

mages include Feb. 7, at Clear Creek and Feb. 11 at El Franco Lee Park before the team opens the regular season Monday, Feb. 13, at Kingwood.

Clear Brook, which is seeking to make its way back to the playoffs, will host Clear Falls Monday, Jan. 30, in a varsity scrimmage at 6 p.m.

The Lady Wolverines

will also scrimmage Saturday, Feb. 4, at Manvel in a series that will also involve Kempner.

The team's final scrimmage is Tuesday, Feb. 7, against Pasadena Memorial at the Pasadena ISD complex. Varsity play is at 6 p.m.

Brook opens the regular season Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Friendswood, at 6 p.m.

Dobie's O'Connor picks Blinn softball



Dobie High School varsity softball pitcher Shannon O'Connor (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at Blinn College in Brenham after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Michael O'Connor (father), Karen O'Connor

(mother), (standing) Carmela Swinnen (Dobie assistant varsity softball coach), Mykayla O'Connor (sister), Star O'Connor (grandmother), Robin Rackley (Dobie head varsity softball coach) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal). Not pictured is Shannon O'Connor's brother, Jason Mayes.

SJC softball set to open season

The San Jacinto College women's softball team will open the season Saturday, Jan. 28, with a pair of games at LSU-Eunice, and as is usually the case this time of year, head coach Kelly Saenz feels the sky is the limit for her group.

Sophomore pitchers Shannon Millman and Elexis Estrada return to anchor things in the circle, and the team's offense figures to be led by sophomore returnees like Candace Carter, Jaclyn Bechtle, Ariel Brayer and Courtney Shaw.

Defending champion Blinn will likely garner much of the early season

attention within Region 14, but Saenz again believes San Jacinto has what it takes to make a deep postseason run.

"We can go as far as we want to go as a team," Saenz said. "This group is cohesive and tight-knit, willing to do the little things to win."

"You have to have the talent and some luck, too, but being willing to go the extra mile is a big plus."

Opening Jan. 28 at LSU-Eunice and then traveling to McLennan in Waco Feb. 1, the locals will lean on Millman, a Lamar University signee, and Estrada, back after a fine freshman season.

The left-handed Mill-

man had one of the finest debut seasons in SJC history, setting a team record with 180 strikeouts while posting a 21-8 record to go with a 1.68 ERA.

"Shannon is again capable of a big year," Saenz said. "She has already signed with Lamar, so she won't have that pressure."

"But Shannon knows the conference and knows what it takes to get it done. Certainly a big year from Shannon again would be a great thing for us."

Estrada was 8-8 a season ago over 108 innings of work. After a terrific offseason, Saenz thinks Estrada can be the per-

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Thursday, Jan. 26
Thompson 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Queens, TBA
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Queens, TBA
Thompson 8th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Thompson, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Thompson, TBA

Friday, Jan. 27
Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Clear Creek, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Deer Park, 7:30
Dobie varsity boys host Deer Park, 7:30
Dobie JV boys at Deer Park, 6:00
Dobie JV girls at Deer Park, 6:00
Brook JV girls host Clear Creek, 5:30
Brook JV boys at Clear Creek, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys at Deer Park, 4:30
Brook sophomore boys at Clear Creek, 5:30
Dobie freshman A boys at Deer Park, 6:00
Dobie freshman A girls at Deer Park, 4:30
Brook freshman A boys at Clear Creek, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls host Clear Creek, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Clear Creek, 4:00
Brook freshman B girls host Clear Creek, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys at Deer Park, 4:30
Dobie freshman B girls at Deer Park, 6:00
Thompson 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Queens, TBA
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Queens, TBA
Thompson 8th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Thompson, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Thompson, TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 31
Brook varsity boys at Clear Springs, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Clear Springs, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Pasadena, 7:30
Dobie varsity boys host Pasadena, 7:30
Dobie JV boys host Pasadena, 6:00
Dobie JV girls at Pasadena, 6:00
Brook JV girls host Clear Springs, 5:30
Brook JV boys at Clear Springs, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys host Pasadena, 4:30
Brook sophomore boys at Clear Springs, 5:30
Dobie freshman A boys host Pasadena, 6:00
Dobie freshman A girls at Pasadena, 4:30
Brook freshman A boys at Clear Springs, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls host Clear Springs, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Clear Springs, 4:00
Brook freshman B girls host Clear Springs, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys host Pasadena, 4:30

Friday, Feb. 3
Brook varsity boys host Brazoswood, 7:00
Brook varsity girls at Brazoswood, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Memorial, 7:30
Dobie varsity boys at Memorial, 7:30
Dobie JV boys at Memorial,, 6:00
Dobie JV girls host Memorial, 6:00
Brook JV girls at Brazoswood, 5:30
Brook JV boys host Brazoswood, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys at Memorial,, 4:30
Brook sophomore boys host Brazoswood, 5:30
Dobie freshman A boys at Memorial,, 6:00
Dobie freshman A girls host Memorial, 4:30
Brook freshman A boys host Brazoswood, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls at Brazoswood, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys host Brazoswood, 4:00
Brook freshman B girls at Brazoswood, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys at Memorial,, 4:30
Dobie freshman B girls host Memorial, 6:00

SOCCER
Thursday, Jan. 26
Dobie varsity boys at Round Rock tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls vs. Cinco Ranch, Pearland 9th, 10 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 27
Dobie varsity boys at Round Rock tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls vs. Angleton, Presner, 2 p.m.
Brook varsity boys host Texas City, 7:00
Brook JV boys host Texas City, 5:00

Saturday, Jan. 28
Dobie varsity boys at Round Rock tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Pearland Dawson, 8 a.m.
Dobie JV (B) girls host Pearland, Dobie, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31
Dobie varsity girls at Kingwood Park, 7:00
Brook varsity boys at C.E. King, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Friendswood, 7:00
Brook JV boys at C.E. King, 5:00
Dobie JV (A) girls at Kingwood Park, 5:00
Brook JV girls host Friendswood, 5:00

Thursday, Feb. 2
Dobie JV (B) girls at Sam Rayburn, campus, 4:00

Friday, Feb. 3
Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00
Brook JV boys at Alvin, 7:00
Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:00

TENNIS
Thursday, Jan. 26
Dobie JV at Houston Stratford, 3:30

Thursday, Feb. 2
Dobie varsity at Galveston Ball, 3:15

SOFTBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 31
Brook varsity hosts Clear Falls scrimmage, 6:00
Brook JV hosts Clear Falls scrimmage, 4:30

Wednesday, Feb. 1
Dobie varsity hosts Alvin scrimmage, PISD, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Alvin scrimmage, PISD, 5:00

Saturday, Feb. 4
Brook varsity at Manvel scrimmage, 9 a.m.
Dobie varsity at Alvin scrimmage, TBA
Dobie JV at Alvin scrimmage, TBA
Brook JV at Manvel scrimmage, 9 .m.

Wolverine, Longhorn basketball teams still vying for playoff positions

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ponents, and we cannot do that if we are going to reach our goals. We have to play our brand of basketball, not anyone else's."

No offense to any of the other teams within the 24-5A ranks, but Clear Brook's goal down the stretch is simple – be in position to face frontrunner Clear Lake for the district title in the regular season finale.

"Our goal is to win district, but to do that, we have six very tough games in line, and we have to play them one at a time," Pillow said.

Dobie boys now 2-2
Back-to-back losses to Sam Rayburn (53-49) and South Houston (59-56) by a combined seven points suddenly have the Dobie varsity boys' team sitting at 2-2 with the big game coming against Deer Park.

A 19-14 fourth-quarter push by Sam Rayburn led to that loss for Dobie, and South Houston outscored the Lomnghorns 6-3 in overtime to take the victory.

Daryl Edwards led Dobie with 14 points in the game.

Brook girls still in mix
Despite the setback against Dickinson, the Clear Brook varsity girls' team could very well go down

to the final regular season game or beyond in deciding playoff seeding in the District 24-5A ranks.

First-place Clear Springs, second-place Clear Lake



Clear Brook guard K.J. Boyd (5) and his Wolverine varsity boys' basketball teammates are in a solid position within the District 24-5A standings.

Brook soccer has mixed results

Early this season, the Clear Brook varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams are seeing mixed results on the

playing field.

The Wolverine boys, still dealing with a slew of injuries that struck the team just

before the start of the season, is now 1-4 after losing a 1-0 game to host North Shore Jan. 24.

The Wolverines will now host Texas City Friday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., before closing out nondistrict play Jan. 31, at C.E. King.

Meanwhile, the Lady Wolverines played great soccer at the 1-10 Shootout Jan. 19-21, winning two of three matches, including a 2-1 decision over Alief El-sik and a 1-0 decision over Kingwood Park.

The Lady Wolverines took on Clear Falls Jan. 24, but results from that match were not available at press time.

Both programs are quickly preparing for the beginning of District 24-5A action. The Lady Wolverines have one remaining nondistrict match at Friendswood Jan. 31.

SB Suns' 9-10 hoops win, improve to 2-0

The South Belt Suns played the Pasadena Eagles in Pasadena Recreation Department 9-10-year-old basketball action, taking a 27-14 victory to improve to 2-0 early this season.

The Suns started fast as they took an 8-0 lead in the first period. By halftime, the Suns were able to extend their lead to 14-4.

The Eagles made a slight run the third period to close the gap to 18-12, but the Suns put a final run in the fourth period to make the final score 27-14.

Leading the scoring for

the Suns was Keyyeon Thompson with 10 points.

Marquice Scott scored seven points to go with Marco Sanchez's six points. Christian Cleckley and Dylan Villareal had two points apiece.

Defensively, leading the charge for the Suns was Kobe Ruiz, Marco De-Leon, Alex Duenuez, Keion Thompson, Johnny Jones, Javonte Dillon and Steven Trevino.

The Suns' top rebounders were Sanchez, Keyyeon Thompson, Scott, Cleckley, Ruiz and Dillon.

Dobie powerlifters stand out early

The Dobie High School powerlifting team is back at it and going hard under the direction of coach Kenneth Foster.

Judging by the results of the first meet of the season at La Marque High School, the teams are poised for a breakout season.

"Going into our pre-season training, we added a cardio camp, which consisted of all types of running stints," Foster said.

"Our No. 1 goal was to drop some pounds. In this sport, you compete against other athletes in your weight category.

"In many situations, carrying one extra pound can force you into another weight division that may not be suited for you, so being in great shape is critical."

Following the cardio

Local sports news, notes

Rising Stars tracksters to register

The Rising Stars Track Club, coming off one of the most impressive seasons in program history, is now accepting registration for the 2012 spring/summer season. Head coach Ivory Kimble and his staff will host workouts each Friday, Saturday and Sunday this month, continuing Friday, Jan. 27, at the Dobie High School track. Youths age 5 to 19 are eligible to join the Rising Stars program, which competes within the Amateur Athletic Union. Those seeking to join the team will work out on Fridays from 4:30 p.m. until dark. Each Saturday, practice and registration will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Each Sunday, team members will work out from 3 to 5 p.m. For information about the team, call Kimble at 832-561-1248 or visit sportata.com/risingstars.

Dobie baseball tryouts coming Jan. 27-28

Dobie High School students wishing to try out for a spot on one of the Longhorns' baseball teams for the upcoming 2012 season must attend the two-day session Friday, Jan. 27, and Saturday, Jan. 28, at the school field. The Jan. 27 session begins at 4:30 p.m. The Jan. 28 session will begin at 9 a.m.

Nightmare baseball tryouts

The Nightmare select baseball organization is seeking South Belt area youths to try out for spots on the 6U through 14U teams that will compete in tournaments and leagues early this spring.

The players must also be planning to register in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League for the 2012 spring season. The Nightmare will host a tryout Saturday, Jan. 28, at El Franco Lee Park, beginning at noon. For additional details about the Nightmare program, call Terrance Small at 832-212-3543.

SB Dolphins host info session Jan. 28

The Southbelt Dolphins will host their annual information session Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the atrium inside Alameda Mall. Boys who wish to play football for the 2012 season as well as girls who wish to be members of the drill team, cheerleaders or mascot groups are also invited to attend. Team officials will also be starting a waiting list for the respective teams.

and third-place Clear Creek all have scored victories over Clear Brook during the first half of league play and appear headed for the playoffs as usual.

But with four games to go, the fourth and final playoff spot is still up for

grabs between Brook, Pearland and Dickinson.

With three of Clear Brook's final four games coming against Springs, Lake and Creek, the Lady Wolverines may need some help along the way to snag the spot.

Needless to say, wins are of the essence for the Brook girls and both of the Dobie teams.

The Wolverine boys are reasonably the lone team that has secured a playoff spot, and there is work to be done for the others.

In a way, it's exactly the way a high school athletics season should play out.

It just doesn't make it much fun for the players or coaches when each and every game seems to come down to a missed or a made basket here and there.

Seventh-Grade Light Boys' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	7	0
Queens	6	1
Bondy	5	2
Beverly Hills	5	2
South Houston	4	3
San Jacinto	3	4
Southmore	2	5
Jackson	2	5
Miller	1	6
Park View	0	7
Game scores:		
Beverly Hills 48, Southmore 26		
Thompson 66, South Houston 44		
San Jacinto 37, Park View 14		
Bondy 54, Jackson 30		
Queens 29, Miller 16		

Eighth-Grade Light Boys' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	6	1
Beverly Hills	6	1
Queens	6	1
Southmore	5	2
Park View	4	3
San Jacinto	4	3
Jackson	1	6
South Houston	1	6
Miller	1	6
Bondy	1	6
Game scores:		
Beverly Hills 34, Southmore 28 (OT)		
San Jacinto 41, Park View 36		
Bondy 64, Jackson 47		
Thompson 67, South Houston 50		
Queens 51, Miller 24		

Seventh-Grade Light Girls' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Bondy	7	0
Thompson	6	1
Beverly Hills	6	1
South Houston	4	3
Park View	4	3
Jackson	3	4
Miller	3	4
Southmore	2	5
San Jacinto	0	7
Queens	0	7
Game scores:		
Thompson 20, South Houston 15		
Park View 40, San Jacinto 23		
Beverly Hills 29, Southmore 19		
Miller 16, Queens 8		
Bondy 23, Jackson 8		

Eighth-Grade Light Girls' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	7	0
Park View	6	1
Bondy	6	1
Southmore	5	2
Queens	4	3
Thompson	3	4
San Jacinto	2	5
Miller	1	6
South Houston	1	6
Jackson	0	7
Game scores:		
Thompson 38, South Houston 22		
Park View 24, San Jacinto 11		
Beverly Hills 44, Southmore 31		
Queens 35, Miller 29		
Bondy 31, Jackson 6		

Seventh-Grade Dark Boys' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	7	0
Beverly Hills	6	1
Bondy	5	2
South Houston	4	3
Queens	4	3
Miller	4	3
San Jacinto	3	4
Park View	1	6
Southmore	1	6
Jackson	0	7
Game scores:		
Beverly Hills 29, Southmore 23		
San Jacinto 31, Park View 13		
Bondy 35, Jackson 2		
Thompson 41, South Houston 32		
Miller 22, Queens 20		

Eighth-Grade Dark Boys' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	7	0
Beverly Hills	6	1
San Jacinto	5	2
Queens	4	3
Park View	3	4
Bondy	3	4
South Houston	2	5
Jackson	2	5
Southmore	2	5
Miller	1	6
Game scores:		
Beverly Hills 33, Southmore 15		
San Jacinto 49, Park View 13		
Bondy 39, Jackson 24		
Thompson 43, South Houston 20		
Queens 44, Miller 26		

Seventh-Grade Dark Girls' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Bondy	7	0
Beverly Hills	6	1
Thompson	5	2
Park View	4	3
Southmore	3	4
Miller	3	4
South Houston	3	4
Jackson	2	5
Queens	2	5
San Jacinto	1	6
Game scores:		
South Houston 25, Thompson 10		
Park View 15, San Jacinto 7		
Beverly Hills 26, Southmore 22 (OT)		
Miller 15, Queens 5		
Bondy 21, Jackson 7		

Eighth-Grade Dark Girls' Basketball Standings		
(Week Seven)		
Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	7	0
Southmore	5	2
Thompson	5	2
Park View	5	2
Queens	4	3
Bondy	4	3
Miller	3	4
San Jacinto	1	6
Jackson	1	6
South Houston	0	7
Game scores:		
Thompson 22, South Houston 17		
Park View 17, San Jacinto 13		
Beverly Hills 35, Southmore 16		
Queens 24, Miller 19		
Bondy 44, Jackson 20		

Nationally ranked Dobie to Round Rock

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“I think we again have a very good team, especially since we are off to an 8-0

start,” Saavedra said. “What I have told the guys is that we have to be able to bring the maximum effort every

night. When you are in our position, teams are going to give you their best shot every time out.

“At Round Rock and really the rest of the way, our goal is to make teams go at it for 80 minutes. If a team can go 80 minutes or more and beat us, our hats are off to them. We are going to be challenged at Round Rock. But our goals are bigger. We want to win the state title, and this is just another stop on the trip.”

Dobie wins PISD Cup

In the brief history of the Pasadena ISD Cup, the Longhorns had never come away with the title. The locals were hoping to change all of that, and the opponent was a tough South Houston team that had coasted its way to the final with three shutout victories.

The Longhorns suffered an early setback as forward Jonathan Palma went down with an ankle injury five minutes into play and never returned.

But as Saavedra has said, the Longhorns are intent on making teams beat them over the course of an entire 80-minute match or more. South Houston came close, but in the end, Dobie reigned.

South Houston missed out on a possible scoring chance in the first half as the two teams went to halftime in a scoreless tie.

The Longhorns then picked up the pace over the final 40 minutes, narrowly missing a couple of scoring chances off corner kicks.

Finally, with 13 minutes remaining, Dobie’s Raul Bustos made a nifty cross-field pass from the left side, and Marvin Solis knocked home the eventual game winner. Keeper Hector Saldivar and his teammates on the defensive end did the rest as the Longhorns snared their first-ever 8-0 start to a season.

“With limited firepower up front, I knew it would be difficult to penetrate the South Houston defense,” Saavedra said. “South Houston is going to be a tough foe for us in district this year along with Deer Park and others. It was good to see a glimpse of what lies ahead for us.”

Saavedra also credited players Douglas Leighton, Gerardo Martinez and Adrian Trancozo for their outstanding tournament play as the Longhorns went 4-0 for the second straight week.

“Now it’s on to Round Rock,” Saavedra said. “Our goal is to take this thing all the way. We won’t win state by winning this tournament, but it’s important for us to have a great showing and keep the momentum going.”

Pool play goes nice

Dobie opened the tournament with a 1-0 victory over Klein Oak on Jan. 19, as Solis scored a goal off a feed from Bustos.

“It was a good win to open the tournament,” Saavedra said. “It was a tough matchup, and Klein Oak provided several long ball threats.

“But our defense was able to maintain control and shut out the opponent. Early in the second half, Raul Bustos was able to cross the ball and find Marvin Solis for the goal and the win.”

In the middle pool play game, the Longhorns were seeking to avenge a rare loss last season, which came at the feet of North Shore. Palma led the way to a 2-1 win for the locals.

“We wanted to avenge one of our only losses last year,” Saavedra said. “We did just that from the start. We controlled the tempo of the game and managed to score early in the second half to take a 1-0 lead. Palma was great for us.

“Again, our defense played very well and deserved a shutout, but an accidental miss-hit by one of our defenders in the box gave North Shore a goal with about four minutes left in the game. However, we did maintain control and the win.

Palma had a goal and an assist to lead the way to a 2-1 victory over the Mustangs.

Needing a win over Houston Memorial to advance to the championship match, the Longhorns got goals from Palma (2) and Solis to get the job done in a 3-1 victory.

“Palma rose to the occasion and played a great game. He scored two goals and assisted another to Solis,” Saavedra said. “Just a great effort from the entire team.”



Gerardo Martinez played big for Dobie in the Pasadena ISD Cup series of victories, and now the team is off to the Round Rock ISD tournament Jan. 26-28.

Photo by John Bechtle

Solid Dobie girls’ soccer team aims at next big step

With five wins in seven overall games to start the season, the varsity girls’ soccer team at Dobie is aiming to take the next step at Pearland Independent School District tournament Jan. 26-28.

The team took things a bit easy prior to the Pearland event, playing just two

matches since the Beaumont tournament to open the season.

After playing La Porte to a scoreless tie Jan. 17, the Lady Longhorns were very impressive Jan. 20 in a 4-0 victory over Hightower.

Alyssa Williams, Kayla Williams, Malyn Nunez and Monica Ploucha net-

ted goals, and junior keeper Jackie Baade got the win in the nets as the locals improved to 5-1-1 overall this season.

Dobie will play Cinco Ranch in its opener Jan. 26 at the Pearland High School ninth-grade center. Match time is 10 a.m.

On Jan. 27, Dobie will

play at Presner Stadium against Angleton at 2 p.m. before finishing pool play Jan. 28 at 8 a.m. at Pearland Dawson.

“We start off the tourney against possibly the best team we’ve faced this year, Cinco Ranch,” Dobie coach Bryan McDonald said.

“We have already proved

we can compete with some very good teams. So I expect just that. If we play the way I know we are capable of, we will do well.

“This is the time of the season when teams across the area are starting to get things dialed in, and I expect us to be able to do the same thing.”

Lady Horns’ JV earns four shutout wins before SO loss

The Dobie junior varsity girls’ A soccer team is playing very well out of the gate this season, having grabbed a second-place finish at the Kingwood Park tournament Jan. 19-21.

The Lady Longhorns went 3-0 in pool play at the

tournament to advance to the championship match as the top seed.

In the title match, Dobie played host Kingwood Park to a scoreless tie in regulation before Kingwood Park won in a shootout, 2-1.

Dobie’s shootout goal

came off the foot of Mikaela Guevara. Goalkeeper Deanna Martinez, taking part in her first-ever shootout as a Dobie netminder, was outstanding with three saves on five shots.

Martinez, showing her versatility, started the tour-

namment in the field, netting a hat trick in a 5-0 victory over Dawson in the opener for both teams.

In the middle pool play game, Dobie wound up in a 0-0 tie with Kingwood Park.

The locals then downed

North Shore 2-1 in their third pool play game to advance to the championship game.

With four shutouts in regulation play in the tournament, Brianna Guevara and Yarlet Maldonado were the team’s standouts.



Dobie’s junior varsity girls’ A soccer team is off to a fast start this season under the leadership of first-year head coach and former Lady Longhorn star player Evelyn Torres. The locals won their pool at the Kingwood Park tournament with a 2-0-1 record and then played host Kingwood Park in the championship match. After a scoreless tie through regulation, the host team won the game in a shootout. Members of the Dobie team are, left to right,

(front row) Karen Garcia, Claudia Mata, Rachel Glass, Andrea Galvan, Angie Caceres, Deanna Martinez, (middle row) Gabby Romero, Desiree Johnson, Brianna Guevara, Yadira Gonzalez, Darlene Jimenez, Mikaela Guevara, Elisha Johnson, Kayla Flores, Yarlet Maldonado and Torres, (back row) student trainer Christian Highfield.

Longhorn netters drop fall season opener

Coming up short in girls’ action and in the mixed doubles, the Dobie Longhorns’ varsity tennis

team lost its official 2012 spring season opener at Pearland Jan. 19.

The Longhorns were dominant in boys’ play, winning each of the matches in play. But the Oilers were a bit

better in the girls’ draw and also swept each of the three mixed doubles matches to win the series 9-6.

During the spring, individual players typically focus on just one category of play, so each player sees the court just once.

Claudius Schmid at No. 1, Tony Tieu at No. 2 and Ruben Vargas at No. 3 swept the boys’ singles for Dobie.

In boys’ doubles, the Longhorns also got victories from the respective duos of Kevin Nguyen and Phillip Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen and Austin Tran and Michael Du and Keith Pham.

The majority of Dobie’s remaining spring schedule will also be played away from Dobie.

The Longhorns will travel to Galveston Ball Feb. 2, and the program will then be entered in the Lake Travis and World Tennis Invitational Feb. 10-11. The team will play a home match March 1, against St. John’s.

Pearland 9, Dobie 6

Boys’ Doubles

- 1) Kevin Nguyen/Phillip Nguyen (D) def. Andrew Dinhol/Justin Quintanilla, 7-5, 6-4.
- 2) Dylan Nguyen/Austin Tran (D) def. Drew Aligsao/Howard Deng, 6-3, 6-3.
- 3) Michael Du/Keith Pham (D) def. Josh Brandon/Arran Santoyo, 6-1, 6-1.

Girls’ Doubles

- 1) Karla Acosta/Ashley Baumann (P) def. Alexa Nguyen/Tina Nguyen, 6-2, 6-4.
- 2) Meribeth Bolter/Kathy Nguyen (P) def. Kim Dinh/Jackelyn Salinas, 6-0, 6-0.
- 3) Christine Pham/Illana Sanchez (P) def. Betram Nguyen/Kelly Vuong, 6-4, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles

- 1) Tya Tilson/Brandon Fontineau (P) def. Osaka Heng/Shawn Bui, 6-3, 6-2.
- 2) Mealanie May/Mark Nguyen (P) def. Gloria Mancia/Brian Williams, 6-4, 6-3.
- 3) Ashley Baumann/Justin Quintanilla (P) def. Estefania Rangel/Kevin Pham, 6-3, 7-5.


Boys’ Singles

- 1) Claudius Schmid (D) def. Josh Aaradela, 6-4, 6-2.
- 2) Tony Tieu (D) def. An Ngo, 6-3, 6-3.
- 3) Ruben Vargas (D) def. Seung Hong Aam, 6-1, 6-2.

Girls’ Singles

- 1) Jenna Pyland (P) def. Van Le, 6-0, 6-1.
- 2) Val Powell (P) def. Vanessa Vu, 6-0, 6-4.
- 3) Angie Tran (P) def. Stephanie Vu, 6-0, 6-1.

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CALENDAR


THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – “Breakfast With Bill” each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
5 p.m.
Clear Lake Freeman Branch Library – “Can you find spiritual freedom through your dreams?” Find out Monday, Jan. 23, through Friday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. at the Clear Lake Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. For information, call 713-775-0353.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
St. Luke’s Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
7 p.m.
Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society – Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month in the Community Room at Pasadena Town Square Mall.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – “Breakfast With Bill” each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Moving Forward Women’s Adult Children Anonymous – The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
5 p.m.
Clear Lake Freeman Branch Library – “Can you find spiritual freedom through your dreams?” Find out Monday, Jan. 23, through Friday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. at the Clear Lake Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. For information, call 713-775-0353.
6 p.m.
Spanish Al-Anon – Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Thursday and Friday 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
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.
8 p.m.
Pasadena Little Theatre – Opening night for Pasadena Little Theatre’s *Rumors* by Neil Simon at 8 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Performances run through Feb. 12. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. One special priced Thursday show

at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9. Director is Janet Sharpley. Make reservations online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org at 713-941-1758.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting - Women Only – Meets each Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother’s Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Narcotics Anonymous – Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Pasadena Little Theatre – Auditions for *Alice in Wonderland*, by William Glenon, based on the book by Lewis Carroll, at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Auditions start at 7 p.m. and will consist of cold readings from the script. Thirteen men and women ages 16 and up are needed. Show dates are weekends March 9 through March 25, 2012. Contact the director,

Craig Trauschke, at mendicant@fastmail.us for more information or check the website for information and character descriptions at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
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9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club – New Directions Singles support meetings for ages 55 and up are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway in Webster. For further information, call Carolyn at 713-340-2354 or Linda at 409-392-6886.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday. from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum – Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – TOPS #1530 meets at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
Spanish Al-Anon – Tuesday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club – Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
St. Luke's Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
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Spanish Al-Anon – Wednesday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club – meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First

Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Spanish Al-Anon – Wednesday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just 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.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.
7 p.m.
DivorceCare Group - CT Church – DivorceCare Group meetings are held at CT Church, 9701 Alameda Genoa Road, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room #1201. The support group is for separated and divorced individuals. Child care is provided. For more information, call 713-944-4815, email divorcecare@ctchurch.tv, or visit http://ctchurch.tv/ministries.html#17.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group – The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
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Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
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Diabetes Support Group – A support group for young adults with 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 at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.
7 p.m.
The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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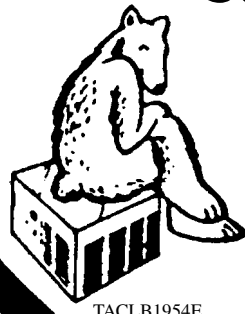
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Longhorn swimmers excel at Alvin meet

The Dobie High School aquatics team competed in the Alvin Swim Classic Jan. 20-21 at Manvel High School, performing very well. The Longhorn boys placed sixth overall out of 27 teams and claimed numerous medals and ribbons for their accomplishments. In the 200-yard medley relay, Dobie claimed sixth place as Brandon Gonzalez and Joe Cavazos teamed with Michael Henderson and Kevin Nguyen. Nguyen came back for the 200-yard individual Medley, where he was second overall. Gonzales took seventh place in the 50-yard freestyle, and Cavazos was eighth in the 100-yard fly. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Dobie rallied for fifth place behind the effort of Gonzalez, Henderson, Nguyen, and Ivan Macias. Nguyen was also second overall in the 100-yard breaststroke. Dobie is now preparing for the Feb. 3 District 22-5A meet.

Snelson leaves Mavs, takes Texas City gig

John Snelson is out after six years as the varsity head football coach and campus athletic coordinator at Pasadena Memorial High School. Snelson, who oversaw great growth in the Mavericks' program during his stay, has accepted the positions of district athletic director and varsity head football coach at Dickinson High School. Warren Trahan, who guided the Gators to within one victory of the playoffs in 2011, announced his retirement last month. Memorial was 37-30-1 at the varsity level during Snelson's six seasons. A Sam Rayburn graduate, Snelson was the second head coach in Memorial history, having replaced Tom Ed Gooden after the 2005 season. Dickinson was 4-6 a season ago as the injury bug hit the team hard. In the 24-5A ranks, the Gators finished at 2-5.

Softball season a go at San Jacinto College

Continued from Page 1Bfect fit behind Millman, giving the team a solid 1-2 punch. "Alexis pitched really well in the fall in games against UT-San Antonio and Sam Houston," Saenz said. "The key for Jaclyn Bechtle is to be consistent. The home runs will come, but we also need her to drive

ary, we should know how things shake out defensively," Saenz said. "Certain players will play their way into the lineup, and it's our job as coaches to put them in the best position to be successful. "After 10 games or so, we'll have a better feel. Everybody looks good in practice, but it'll be nice to start playing some games. Once the games start, we'll find out a lot."

San Jac College Softball

Head coach: Kelly Saenz, 9th season

2011 record: 40-21

Top returning players: Shannon Millman, pitcher; Candace Carter, inf., Jaclyn Bechtle, inf., Alexis Estrada, pitcher

Keys to success: Millman returning as top pitcher; speedy lineup mesh with power bats
2012 opener: Jan. 28 at LSU-Eunice

"The key for Alexis is improved movement and changing speeds. She also knows what to expect and what it takes to win big at this level, so I really believe she is in for a big year."

Offensively, Saenz and her staff will field one of the faster SJC teams in recent memory.

There's also some pop in the lineup, with sophomore Jaclyn Bechtle back after hitting nine homers a season ago.

Candace Carter, who will join Millman at Lamar University this fall, led the regulars a season ago with a .387 batting average and a team-record 23 doubles.

"Players like Britiany Bailey, D.J. Hooks, Andrea Saldivar and Ariel Brayer can really run, so we should

in the big runs in the middle of the order.

"The same goes with Candace Carter. If both of those players hit for a high average and drive in runs, we are going to win a lot of games.

"And Elissa Heaton is going to play first base for us. She has a big bat. I like the makeup of our lineup offensively."

Defensively, Saenz just may take some time to figure where the various players fit.

Her motto has always been to play the players who get the job done offensively. Yet, she knows defense is often the way to wins as well.

"Probably by the time we get back from the Galveston tournament in early Febru-



San Jacinto College sophomore shortstop Jaclyn Bechtle is one of the top returnees as the team tries to unseat Region 14 champion Blinn and earn a trip to the national tournament.

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Dobie High School Varsity softball schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 30	Alvin scrimmage	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Alvin scrimmage	TBA
Feb. 7	at Clear Creek scrimmage	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	4-team scrimmage (El Franco)	9 a.m.
Feb. 13	at Kingwood	6:30
Feb. 16-18	at Bryan tournament	TBA
Feb. 21	Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 23-25	at Clear Creek tournament	TBA
Feb. 28	Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
March 1-3	at HSSL tournament	TBA
March 6	at Baytown Sterling	6:30 p.m.
March 9	La Porte	6:30 p.m.
March 17	at Katy Taylor	11:30 a.m.
March 20	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
March 23	*Memorial	6:30 p.m.
March 27	*Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
March 30	*South Houston	6:30 p.m.
April 3	*Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
April 5	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
April 10	*Memorial	6:30 p.m.
April 13	*Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
April 17	*South Houston	6:30 p.m.
April 20	*at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
* District 22-5A games		
All Dobie home games are at Pasadena ISD complex		

Brook High School Varsity softball schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 30	Clear Falls scrimmage	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Manvel scrimmage	9 a.m.
Feb. 7	>at Pas. Mem scrimmage	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16-18	at Brenham tournament	TBA
Feb. 21	at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 23-25	at Clear Creek tournament	TBA
Feb. 28	at The Woodlands	6:30 p.m.
March 7	*at Pearland	6:30 p.m.
March 9	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
March 13	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
March 15	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
March 17	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
March 20	*Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
March 23	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
March 30	*Pearland	6:30 p.m.
April 3	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
April 5	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
April 10	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
April 13	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
April 17	*at Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
April 20	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
* District 24-5A games		
All Dobie home games are at Pasadena ISD complex		
> Pas. Memorial scrimmage at Pasadena ISD complex		