

Woman dies in crash

A woman was killed early Wednesday, Feb. 12, when her vehicle struck a tree in the 8700 block of Fuqua near Blackhawk Ridge.

JoAnn Jurado, 29, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, Jurado was traveling on the street around 2 a.m. when she hit a curb, causing her to lose control and drive through a wire fence and into the tree before flipping over.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash. Jurado, a 2003 Milby graduate, was a cosmetology student at San Jacinto College and worked at Fox and Hound.

Dobie Hall of Honor set

The second annual Dobie Hall of Honor induction ceremony will take place at the campus Friday, Feb. 28, beginning at 7 p.m.

Inductees include Malcolm Jacobson, Class of 1980; Reginald Godbolt, Class of 1987; Robert Flores, Class of 1988; Trevor Cobb, Class of 1989; Jerry Stowe, Class of 1971; Danny Frye, Class of 1978; Robert Bebee, Class of 1990; Scott Talton (faculty); and Ron Williams (volunteer). The event is free and open to the public.

See next week's *Leader* for additional information.

AARP offers free tax help

AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS will provide free tax help from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Friday through April 15 at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale. For information, call 281-484-2036. For nationwide site locations by ZIP code, visit the website at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Feb. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Beamer and Scarsdale. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

PIP meeting Feb. 18

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Sonya Clauson from Harris County 911.

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

SBHLL/carnival vendors

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is seeking crafts, food and merchandise vendors to participate in the league's opening day carnival on Saturday, March 1. Booth spaces are \$100 per vendor. Those interested may email league officials at sbhll@hotmail.com.

Spring Fair vendors sought

Epiphany Lutheran Church of Pearland, will hold its Spring Fair and Handcraft Market on Saturday, April 5. There will be barbecue, a bake sale, plants, a raffle, and vendor booths. For booth information, call 281-485-7833.

Scholarships offered

Atkinson Elementary

Atkinson Elementary PTO will offer \$500 scholarships to two graduating Dobie seniors who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the Dobie senior counselor. The completed application must be received by noon on Feb. 28.

Frazier Elementary

Frazier Elementary will offer scholarships to seven graduating Dobie High School seniors who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications and information are available from the Dobie senior counselor. Applications must be submitted Friday, March 21.

Moore Elementary

The Moore Elementary Student Council will offer scholarships to four graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in the fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by March 25 to be considered.

Ashley Pointe HOA meets

The Ashley Pointe HOA will hold their February meeting at the Sageglen Community building located at 11610 Sageyork on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Lariaettes perform showoffs

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes will have their annual contest showoffs in the Dobie gymnasium on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, and children 5 and under are free.

The performance will feature the Lariaettes contest routines - including team and officer numbers, as well as solos, ensembles, and a guest performance by the JV dance team, the Lassos.

The public is invited to attend to show support for the Lariaettes as they prepare for the American Dance/Drill Team National Competition at the end of March in Denton, Texas.

Dobie College Now meets

The Dobie College Now dual credit program will hold a parent night Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Juniors and seniors for the 2014-2015 are eligible to apply. A select number of sophomore students will be eligible if they meet criteria for college readiness.

A representative from San Jacinto College will present information about the program. Dobie staff will also be available to answer any Dobie specific questions. For information, call Nancy Carlton or Jennifer Johnson at 713-740-0370.

State rep candidates go head to head

Six Republican candidates vying for the state House District 129 seat being vacated by longtime Rep. John Davis went head to head Monday, Feb. 10, in a debate hosted by the South Belt Area Republicans.

Sheryl Berg was the sole GOP candidate not present at the event, as she was unable to attend due to medical problems.

Overall, the candidates had far more common ground than differences, with spending being a high priority across the line.

Mary Huls, the only female on the panel, emphasized her Tea Party ties and said her first piece of proposed legislation would be a "campus carry" law that would allow those 18 and up to carry weapons on college campuses.

South Belt resident Chuck Maricle stressed that his direct ties to the community would benefit area residents and said that he intended to open a "responsive" office locally, if elected.

Briscoe Cain, one of two attorneys on the panel along with Brent Perry, emphasized his religious

beliefs and said he had professionally battled against gay marriage and city ordinances that prevent feeding the homeless. At 29, Cain was by far the youngest candidate on stage.

Perry said he had worked on former U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay's legal issues and described the embattled congressman as a mentor.

Jeff Larson, one of two engineers on the panel along with Dennis Paul, touted his experience with NASA, saying he would approach the office with a "problem-solving" attitude.

Similarly, Maricle, a former member of the U.S. Army and a current member of the U.S. Coast Guard, emphasized his military experience.

Paul, who attended San Jacinto College before receiving multiple degrees from the University of

Houston, stressed the need for education reform.

The debate was attended by South Belt resident and former state Rep. Randy Pennington who once held the District 129 seat. Other elected officials in attendance included state Sen. Larry Taylor and Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan.

Current judicial candidates in attendance included Leonila Olivares-Salazar (Precinct 2, Place 2 Justice of the Peace), Melanie Flowers (247th District Court) and Angelina Gooden (246th District Court). The debate was recorded and will soon be posted on YouTube and on the South Belt Area Republicans' Facebook page.

The winner of the GOP primary will go on to challenge Democrat John Gay in November.

Early voting set for Feb. 18-28

Early voting for the March 4 Democratic and Republican primary elections will begin Tuesday, Feb. 18, and continue through Friday, Feb. 28.

Local early voting polling locations include the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall No. 66 at 4345 Allen Genoa, the Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 25 at 7330

Spencer Highway and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane.

Polling hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 18 through Feb. 21; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 22; 1 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 23; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 through Feb. 28. For information or for a list of polling locations, visit www.harrisvotes.org.

Chamber annual banquet held



Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis (right) is shown above addressing Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, who served as guest speaker at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 30th annual banquet Feb. 6. During his speech, Emmett commented on school districts not having academic signing days like they do for athletics. After the event, Lewis clarified that many PISD schools actually do recognize these students. See additional photos and story in next week's *Leader*. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Deputies respond to area deaths

A South Belt resident was found dead the morning of Saturday, Feb. 8, in the parking lot of a strip center in the 10900 block of Scarsdale.

Juan Martinez, 59, was pronounced dead at the scene around 7 a.m. His death was determined to be the result of cardiovascular problems.

Martinez was reportedly walking from his home in the 11600 block of Chickwood to a dialysis center on Scarsdale for treatment at the time of his collapse.

Members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to the incident, as did deputies

from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office.

At the time of the incident, Precinct 2 deputies were also assisting in the investigation of a bizarre murder that occurred at an apartment complex in the 16400 block of El Camino Real.

In that case, Corriann Cervantes, 15, was found dead in a vacant apartment, allegedly killed as part of a satanic ritual.

Jose Reyes, 17, and an unnamed 16-year-old juvenile were both charged with capital murder

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City holds CIP town hall meetings

The City of Houston will hold multiple Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and town hall meetings for area residents in the coming weeks.

District E

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin invites the public to join him for a joint Capital Improvement Project and town hall meeting on Monday, February 17, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the University of Houston - Clear Lake, Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Boulevard.

Southeast Houston and Clear Lake residents are encouraged to attend to learn, voice their concerns and address their respective City of Houston officials regarding project planning and delivery in District E. An update on ReBuild Houston will be provided as well.

For more information and specific details

about the CIP projects in the area and to see a draft of the Rebuild Houston 10-year plan visit www.houstontx.gov/cip/index.html.

For additional information contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districte@houstontx.gov.

The City of Houston will provide reasonable accommodations to citizens with disabilities/special needs upon request in advance of the meeting. Citizens are encouraged to call Rhonda Sauter with the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office at rhonda.sauter@houstontx.gov or 832-393-0955 for arrangements.

District D

The annual CIP meeting for District D will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Cullen

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Local schools set make-up dates

Pasadena Independent School District officials have announced make-up days due to weather conditions earlier last month. To restore instructional time for students, schools will now be open Friday, April 18, and Monday, May 26.

The Texas Education Agency requires districts to include two make-up days to meet the state's mandatory number of instructional days in a school year. In addition, days set aside as half days may not be used as make-up days under the TEA guidelines.

"The only other options available are the spring break holiday or extending the school year additional days into June," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kirk Lewis said. "While we recognize fully that Good Friday and Memorial Day are not ideal ways for making up the lost instructional

time, they seem to be the days that are least disruptive to family circumstances."

Revisions to the current school calendar will be reflected pending the board of trustees meeting on February 25. For the latest updated information and district news, visit the district website, Facebook and Twitter.

CCISD

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees approved Monday, Feb. 17, as the district's bad weather make-up day.

Students will attend school on Feb. 17 to make up for the district closure on Jan. 28.

If parents have prior travel arrangements or college visits for Monday, Feb. 17, they should send in a note to school to receive an excused absence.

Risner trial slated for Feb. 18

The lawsuit of Judge George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party is scheduled to resume Tuesday, Feb. 18.

In the suit, Risner, a Democrat, alleges that the local Republican Party violated state election laws by placing candidate Leonila Olivares-Salazar on its March primary ballot after being notified that her application included hundreds of allegedly fraudulent petition signatures.

While a Jan. 23 *Leader* article stated one of the roughly 450 signatures turned in was determined to be from a dead voter, the paper has since learned from sources close to the case that there are allegedly at least four signatures from

people who are deceased.

Multiple others on the signature list have signed affidavits stating their names were also forged.

The case is one of three scheduled to be heard by visiting Judge Bob Wortham of Beaumont that involve judicial ballot placement.

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan's office is actively investigating this case and others for any criminal activity relating to pre-election activity. To date, four individuals have been indicted in the case.

Two have been arrested, two are still on the run.

Leader retractions on Risner case

The *Leader* article titled *Risner trial leads to multiple arrests* that appeared in the Feb. 6 edition contained inaccuracies.

The story stated that judicial candidate Leonila Olivares-Salazar hired Collonnade Marketing to collect the necessary signatures for her name to appear on the March primary ballot.

While Olivares-Salazar did hire Collonnade as a campaign consultant, the company subcontracted Ralph Garcia to collect the signatures.

Garcia in turn hired three others to help. All four have subsequently been indicted on charges of organized crime related to the alleged forged signatures. The article further stated that Harris

County Judge Ed Emmett also hired Collonnade, but Emmett's campaign hired Garcia directly.

The story also stated that Olivares-Salazar and Collonnade's founder, Fred Blanton, had started multiple businesses together. The two did found the Spring Tea Party together. The pair did not start the company Eventbrite together but merely appeared on the business's website. Outside of the Spring Tea Party and the current campaign, the only relationship the two have is that they once collected books for cancer patients together and he has been hired to work with her campaign.

The *Leader* staff apologizes for any misrepresentations.

Beverly Hills student killed in crash

Two people, including an eighth-grade Beverly Hills student, were killed and three others were hospitalized following an automobile accident on State Highway 288 near Airport Boulevard early Sunday, Feb. 9.

Donna Davis, 15, and Joe Ledet, 35, were both pronounced dead at the scene. Davis' mother (Ledet's fiancée) and Ledet's 3-year-old daughter were also injured in the crash.

Joshua Deshawn Gilbert, 24, has been charged with two felony counts of intoxication manslaughter and one felony count of intoxicated assault in connection to the accident.

He is being held at the Harris County Jail on \$30,000 bond.

According to police, Gilbert was driving a silver Cadillac south on the freeway at a high rate of speed (in excess of 100 miles per hour) around 2:35 a.m. when he abruptly attempted to exit at Airport Boulevard. He then struck the rear of a tan Honda Accord that was also exiting, killing the Honda's female rear seat passenger and the male front seat passenger.

A girl, 3, in a rear car seat, and the Accord's female driver, 38, were transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. The driver suffered severe injuries, while the child suffered an apparent broken ankle.

Gilbert was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Sagemont helps Thompson



Nearly 300 youths from Sagemont Church volunteered their time Saturday, Feb. 8, to make renovations to Thompson Intermediate. Improvements included painting and adding a sprinkler system to the school's football field. Pictured above painting a Thompson Lion's paw are, left to right, Ellie Martin, Olivia Niemeyer, Olivia Simmons, Bethany Anders, Samantha Smith, Ally Garcia and Ashleigh Thompson. See related photos on Page 5A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Gwendolyn supports Maricle for 129th

I'd like to tell you about my friend Chuck Maricle. Chuck is a conservative running for State Representative in the 129th State House District this March. Chuck has served our country for most of his life. First, as an officer in the U.S. Army and now as a District Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary with 1,000 members under his command, for over a decade an integral part of this region's disaster response plan.

On Sept. 11, 2001, I lost my husband Michael when the planes hit the twin towers. It was an incredibly difficult time for me, our son and for our country. What gave me strength in those dark times was the inspiration from the men and women who serve our nation and community as soldiers and first responders. This is why I am supporting Chuck; "A Veteran Leading the Way." I believe it is important to elect those who have served our country with selfless dedication and Chuck is the only military veteran in this race.

A successful businessman, Chuck previously served as General Manager of Phonoscope Communications and has since launch his own successful company becoming a leading industry expert in laser and photonic systems. Chuck knows the burdens that business owners face with increased taxation and regulation. If Texas is going to stay strong we need elected leaders who will stand up against wasteful spending. More importantly, we need leaders who will stand up to those in Washington who think they know what is best for Texas.

Chuck stands unwaveringly in defense of the 2nd Amendment. As a CHL Instructor, Certified Law Enforcement Fire Arms Instructor, and lifetime member of the NRA and TSRA; Chuck has a "AQ" rating from the Texas State Rifle Association. The highest rating available for a candidate with no previous voting record. We can count on Chuck to keep the government away from our guns.

Early voting begins Feb. 18 and runs through Feb. 28. Election day is March

4. I hope that you will join with me in supporting a candidate with Honesty, Dignity, and Family Values. Sincerely,
Gwendolyn de Ashborough

Muecke shares smart meter information

I received an email about smart meters. A few years ago Representative (Carol) Alvarado invited me to a presentation on smart meters. With the email I received I went back to her office for clarification. This is what I received. You may want to print this as a public service.
Jim Muecke

Hello, Jim,
I did speak to our government relations person, who assured me that there is no way the data is accessible to other people. Some of what she said is: "The Youtube has false information. 1.2 million meters have been installed, and only 31 people have refused. You and probably all your neighbors have smart meters, and your houses haven't been burglarized. There has been no major data breach. A signal that lasts about 10 seconds is sent out 4 times a day, but obviously no one is sitting there waiting to see your information."

She said she would be happy to get someone to call you, but she sounded tired of the subject. Evidently one of the 31 sent them a list of about 30 questions and said if they could answer them he would be satisfied and could stop worrying. They sent him lengthy technological information, pages worth, but his response was that he didn't believe them. She also said that some of the 31 (she wasn't sure of exactly how many) have now decided to switch to smart meters.

Of course, none of this "makes it right". At some level I guess it does boil down to an issue of trust, and by now, perhaps of experience. I think we've been hood-winked by so many operations before that it's understandable and perhaps wise to be a little skeptical. So let me know if you'd like to talk with somebody.

I see an email from you just came in! I'll check it out.
Betty McGinnis

Elected officials share their words

Jurors may donate jury pay to Crime Stoppers

By Chris Daniel, Harris County District Clerk

Stafford Police Officer Ann Carrizales took two bullets, including one through her cheek, during a routine traffic stop Oct. 26. The gutsy, courageous former Marine – and mom – nonetheless got back into her cruiser and pursued the suspects for 20 miles until the suspected shooter was arrested.

The two other men in the car escaped on foot. Crime Stoppers of Houston offered a \$10,000 reward for information about the men.

Anonymous tips were called in to Crime Stoppers, and five days after the shooting, the pair that escaped were arrested and charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer.

In Crime Stoppers, we have the best crime prevention-anonymous tipster operation in the U.S., and I am proud that the organization is one of eight non-profits to which people who perform jury service may donate their jury pay.

During the coming months, I will use these columns to describe the mission and accomplishments of each of these worthy non-profits.

Crime Stoppers has helped solve so many crimes since its inception in 1981 that it has become the darling of the local law enforcement officials.

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said, "I cannot say enough how fortunate area law enforcement is to have Houston Crime Stoppers as a key partner in the fight against crime."

Its existence has helped us solve many crimes that might have otherwise gone unsolved. Without Houston Crime Stoppers, our job of tracking down persons responsible for crime in our community would be much more difficult than it already

is." Since its launch, tips to Crime Stoppers have led to arrests of about 25,000 people suspected of committing nearly 32,000 crimes. In 2012, arrests based on tips to Crime Stoppers totaled 750. Last year, it was 712, including 16 suspects charged with capital murder and 16 others charged with murder, manslaughter or attempted murder.

Rania Mankarious, executive director of Crime Stoppers, said the organization has perfected its system of protecting tipsters' identities. A police officer answers calls to Crime Stoppers number – 713-222-TIPS – and there is no caller ID or tracking. The officer gives a tipster an ID number, and Crime Stoppers and police never learn their names – even after arrests are made.

If Crime Stoppers' board authorizes a reward payment, tipsters are given another number and the address of a bank, Mankarious said. They go through the drive-through and provide a teller with their ID numbers. They are then paid in cash.

Rewards can be for as much as \$5,000 except for tips that lead to the arrests of suspects charged with wounding or killing law enforcement officers. Rewards then may rise to \$10,000. (The 100 Club helps boost the rewards in cases of fallen officers.)

It so happens that The 100 Club, which provides financial help to the families of fallen law enforcement officers and firefighters, is one of the eight non-profits to which people may donate jury pay.)

Crime Stoppers has paid nearly 21,000 tipsters more than \$10.4 million in rewards since 1981.

State District Judge

Katherine Cabaniss, former executive director of Crime Stoppers, said, "It was a privilege to lead Crime Stoppers, the most productive organization of its kind in the country. The tip line is effective, and it keeps people safe where they live, work, and play."

Mankarious said Crime Stoppers shouldn't win plaudits solely because it helps solve crimes. The public needs to know, she said, that tipster lines are cost-effective crime fighting tools.

"It costs law enforcement about \$1,500 to solve a crime based on a Crime Stoppers' tip," she said. "It costs them \$30,000 to \$90,000 to solve other crimes. We help save tax dollars."

Crime Stoppers' free app can be found on Google apps. Tipsters can text in a tip or send photos or video.

Crime Stoppers has broadened its mission to include crime prevention.

More than one million area middle and high school students have gone through the group's Safe School Program, learning how to handle issues of bullying and guns on campus and how to rely on Crime Stoppers' tip line to anonymously report suspected criminal activity. As a result, authorities have confiscated more than 200 guns in schools since Crime Stoppers launched the program in 1997.

Crime Stoppers' Safe Community Program and its Mothers Against Crime program focus on ways to prevent crime in communities.

Still, Crime Stoppers remains best known for its tip line – and with good reason: The results just keep coming. In part based on a Crime Stoppers' tip, a woman was charged Feb. 6 as the driver who hit and killed Chelsea Norman, 24, as she was bicycling home on Waugh Dec. 1.

Deaths

Larry Dee Brady



Larry Dee Brady, 70, died on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, surrounded by close friends and family. He was born on April 15, 1943, in Alexandria, La. He was a former 30-year South Belt area resident.

Brady is preceded in death by his parents, Clinton Dee Brady of Marksville, La., and Gussie Simmons of Oberlin, La.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gloria Berlin Brady; sons Stephen Dee Brady of Fort Worth and David Scott Brady; grandson Ty Brady of Lumberton, Texas; sisters Marion Crooks and Judy Robertson; and younger brother Gary Brady of Austin.

Brady is a 1961 graduate of Tioga High School and an honors graduate of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La. He lived in south Texas for the last 51 years, loved his plants, fishing and crabbing. He was forever "tinkering." He was always working on something electronic, wiring, soldering and tearing things apart and putting them back together.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, at Niday Fairmont Funeral Home.

A luncheon was held on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Kingsville Baptist Church in Ball, La., followed by a memorial service.

Carlene Lula Standley



Carlene Lula (Cooper) Standley, 53, of Houston, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014. She was born March 11, 1960, in Pasadena, Texas. She grew up in the South Belt-Edgebrook area and graduated from South Houston High School.

Standley became co-manager of an herbal tea and supplement health business. Later, she ran a domestic cleaning service, overseeing a team of women.

Standley raised two daughters and one son, living in

Pasadena. Her last residence was in Webster.

She greatly loved her family as well as her extended family of life-long friends. She loved taking, collecting and looking through family pictures. She was very outgoing and a great lover of all children. She loved working with her mother, researching family-tree history, and also enjoyed sharing memories and photos on Facebook.

She was a member of Sagemont Church, where she worshipped, served and gave.

Standley is preceded in death by her grandfather, Emil Stoik, and grandmother Ilma Stoik; grandfather Marshall Cooper and grandmother Hettie Cooper.

She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Arlon Standley Jr.; children: Lindsey Dulaney, Cassandra Moon and Daniel Standley; grandchildren Anthony Burke and Klaira Burke; her father, Bobby Cooper; mother Dolores Cooper; sisters: Brenda Cryer, Judie Haynes, Diane Watt and Rita Cusack; and brother, Raymond Cooper.

The family will receive family and friends at a visitation ceremony on Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road in Houston.

A memorial service celebrating Standley's life will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at 1 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8701 Almeda Genoa Road.

Dorothy Lillie Rektorik Halata



Dorothy Lillie Rektorik "MeMe" Halata, 84, of South Belt, died peacefully

Leader obituary policy

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

Council CIP meetings set

Continued from Page 1A Middle School Auditorium, 6900 Scott St.

The meeting will be the first for newly elected District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins.

"It is my honor to represent the citizens of District D and host my first town hall CIP Meeting in the neighborhood that raised me," Boykins said.

During the CIP meeting, discussions are expected on development and improve-

ment of homeless and housing facilities, parks and recreation, libraries and more.

The meeting will provide residents of the community with the opportunity to participate in the budget process. Constituents can share their thoughts and ideas regarding which projects they would like to see developed in the community.

For information, contact the District D at 832-393-3001 or districtd@houstontx.gov.

Dobie Art Club 'fan favorite'



The Dobie Art Club recently participated in an art competition held by the City of Pasadena. For the competition, students were to create a Christmas scene that would be used for photo opportunities during the City of Pasadena's Tree Lighting Ceremony. All of the scenes were posted on Facebook for a week and the scene with the most likes was awarded \$300 for fan favorite. Pictured are, left to right, Dobie art teacher Stephanie Albert, Catherine Nguyen, Karen Flores, Shelby Yocum and Bob Ellis (Pasadena director of Parks and Recreation). Photo submitted

Elected officials speak out

Environmental Impact Statement

By U.S. Rep. Gene Green

Following State Department's release of the Environmental Impact Statement for Keystone XL, Rep. Gene Green issued the following statement in response:

"I am pleased that the Department of State has released what I hope is the final Environmental Impact Statement related to the Keystone XL pipeline. This final EIS doesn't tell us anything we didn't already know, and comes 3 years after the fact."

"The political and bureaucratic process has bogged down this pipeline for too long and needs to be streamlined. The Presidential

permitting process needs to be reformed.

"Working with colleagues from both sides of the aisle, I have introduced H.R. 3301, which would allow the import or export of commodities by pipeline, which compared to other forms of transportation, has been competitively disadvantaged."

"Pipelines are the safest, most economical way to move oil and gas, and I encourage the State Department to quickly finish its work and issue a permit so that we can finally move forward with this critical piece of infrastructure."

Olson: Quick action on Keystone XL

By U.S. Rep. Pete Olson

Rep. Pete Olson, Texas-22, issued the following statement recently in response to the State Department Final Environmental Impact Statement, which recommends approval of the Keystone XL pipeline:

"The recent recommendation by the State Department only reinforces what supporters of this project have been saying for the last 1,960 days since the application was first submitted: The Keystone XL pipeline is a safe, environmentally sound method to transport oil from Canada through the US down to Texas."

"With a minimum of 42,000 direct and indirect jobs on the line and the potential to dramatically increase North American energy security, this project is long overdue and

clearly in the national interest. President Obama should welcome this report as a strong signal that with a stroke of his pen, he can create thousands of jobs and provide energy security for America."

"While the project is important in and of itself, the lengthy delay in issuing a decision is also an important symbol of this Administration's failed approach to domestic energy policy. It's unacceptable that President Obama continues to delay a privately-funded project, long deemed safe by numerous objective experts, because of anti-energy politics of his party."

"It's time for the President to take action, as Congress already has done, and say yes to the Keystone XL pipeline."

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SJC hosts Veteran Fair

Local veterans are invited to the Veteran Resource Fair at the San Jacinto College South campus on Monday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Attendees will receive information on topics such as job opportunities, career development, mentoring, benefits information, enrollment, financial aid, veteran medical information, and reservist information.

Representatives from vari-

ous veteran resources include Disabled American Veterans, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, Veterans Bene-fits Administration, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, U.S. Vets, the University of Houston – Clear Lake, the San Jacinto College Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success campus coordinators, and the San Jacinto College South Campus Student Veteran Association.

Veterans looking for job opportunities will also be able to meet representatives from G4 Secure Solutions, who currently have 20 security officer positions available, and representatives from Ellington Field's part-time reservist component.

"With the national push to hire veterans, we invite all local veterans and their families to stop by the resource fair to get information on job opportuni-

ties and career development resources we have available at the college," said San Jacinto College veteran success coordinator, Eugene Bernard. "San Jacinto College continues to be a leader in veteran student services. We know that the transition to a college setting can be cumbersome, so we strive to make the process easier by providing our veteran students with all the information they need to get their benefits secured and assist with any other concerns they have."

The Veteran Resource Fair is free and open to the public, including all veterans in the community, new and current veteran students, and dependents. The event will be held in room S6.152 at the San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road. For more information on San Jacinto College veteran services, visit sanjac.edu/veterans.

GOP meets Feb. 15

The Lone Star Republicans will host a Congressional District 36 Job Interview Forum at Tucker Hall Auditorium at Lee College in Baytown on Feb. 15. The program begins at 5 p.m.

A "Job Interview Forum" is designed to hear each individual candidate answer the same question in his or her own words just as if interviewing for a real job or a job promotion. All candidates not being interviewed will be in another room and not able to hear answers

their opponents may give.

Because of the large number of candidates in this race, the program is expected to take about three hours to complete. The auditorium has comfortable theater-style seating for the audience. Light refreshments will be available in the lobby.

This free event is open to all CD 36 candidates regardless of party affiliation. For more information, call Daniel McCool, event chairman, at 832-876-8285.

Man found dead on Scarsdale



A Highland Meadow resident was found dead in the parking lot of a strip center in the 10900 block of Scarsdale early Saturday, Feb. 8. Juan Martinez, 59, was determined to have died from cardiovascular

problems. Precinct 2 Deputy Parnell Jones is shown above responding to the incident. See related story on Page 1A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Constable officers busy Feb. 8 with 2 deaths

Continued from Page 1A in the incident.

According to police, Cervantes likely entered the apartment willingly, as she attended the same alternative Clear Creek campus as the juvenile suspect.

She had disappeared a few days earlier. Investigators said Cervantes was beaten with an ash-tray and a toilet lid. She had puncture wounds from a screwdriver on her face, and she was reportedly also strangled.

An inverted cross had been carved into Cervantes's stomach, and Reyes allegedly told police the murder was part of a satanic ceremony, as he and his accomplice had sold their souls to the devil.

Cervantes was partially clothed, and investigators

believe she was sexually assaulted.

At press time, the medical examiner had not ruled on the exact cause of death.

Cervantes' body was found around 4:10 a.m. by a passerby who saw the vacant apartment's door open.

Because of their ages, neither of the teen suspects are eligible for the death penalty.

While Reyes has been charged as an adult, Texas law prevents him from receiving a death sentence because he is under 18. If convicted, he could receive a maximum penalty of life in prison.

If tried as a juvenile and found guilty, the 16-year-old suspect could get up to 40 years in prison. At press time, prosecutors had not yet said if they plan to try him as an adult or not.

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Film series chronicles civil rights milestones

As America marks the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, San Jacinto College will host the last two of three documentary films that chronicle significant civil rights milestones in the nation. Each film will be followed by faculty-led discussions that will enable audience participation. The film screenings and discussions are free and open to the public.

The film series, *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*, will be shown at the Charles Grant Fine Arts Center auditorium, located at the San Jacinto College North Campus, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

The *Loving Story* was shown on Feb. 6. The film told the story of Mildred and Richard Loving, who were arrested for violating a state law against interracial marriage.

Freedom Riders will be shown on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. It documents the turbulent "rides" of a group of volunteers who traveled through the South in 1961 in a quest for equality.

Slavery by Another Name will be shown on Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. The film documents injustices many African American males experienced in the South during the first half of the 20th century.

"These films chronicle the long and sometimes violent effort to achieve the rights enumerated in the Declaration of Independence for all Americans - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," commented San Jacinto College philosophy professor Edwin Aiman, who will serve as master of ceremonies during the film screenings.

"The true stories showcase efforts of everyday Americans to provide a better and more promising future for all citizens. We hope these presentations will engender ongoing discussions about civil rights."

Watching the documentaries had a powerful impact on Gwen Ifill, well-known American journalist, TV newscaster, and author. "These films illustrate the majesty of the civil rights movement," she commented. "Millions of ordinary brave Americans rose up, said 'no more,' and changed the nation forever."

San Jacinto College history professor Maria Donaire-Cirsovius, who serves as the main coordinator of the project, says people who attend the film presentations should find a richly rewarding experience. "We hope to establish lines of dialogue about an important historical subject that is still very much a part of people's daily lives," she said. "After watching the films and participating in the presentations, we hope people will come away with a fresh, new understanding of the struggle that occurred during the Civil Rights era. We would also like them to think about how those struggles continue into the present day and how they impact society."

The *Created Equal* film set is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of its *Bridging Cultures* initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

For more information, visit www.neh.gov/created-equal.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY, JADE!

Special happy birthday wishes are sent to **Jade Scarberry** who turns 6 years old Tuesday, Feb. 18. Hugs and kisses are sent to her from dad **Austin**, mom **Nicole**, Grandma **Jannie** and Grandpa **Robert Scarberry**; aunts **Jenny Espinosa** and **Stacey Flowers**; uncles **Stephen Flowers**, **Joey Hayes**, **Tyler Scarberry** and **Benny Moreno**; and cousins **Brayden** and **Baylee Espinosa**, **Livvy Moreno**, and **Kennedy**, **Owen** and **Evie Flowers**. Jade's parents are both **Dobie High School** graduates.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 13 through Feb. 19.

Atkinson Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for **Ludivina Perez** Feb. 17.

Frazier Elementary

On Feb. 15, **Kymberly Quiroz** celebrates a birthday. The day for a cake for **Maria Rodriguez** is Feb. 16.

Meador Elementary

Greetings for a wonderful birthday are

sent to **Yolanda Arebalo** Feb. 13.

Moore Elementary

The day for a party for **Tom Durr** is Feb. 15. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Ashley Evans** Feb. 18.

Melillo Middle School

Sharing a birthday on Feb. 14 are **Gabrielle Weber** and **Natalie Young**. The day for a cake for **Maria Montenegro** is Feb. 17.

Thompson Intermediate

Toby Laverne marks a birthday Feb. 13. On Feb. 17, **Brandon Michalec** is sent birthday greetings. The day for a party for **Yolanda Robinson** is Feb. 19.

Dobie High

On Feb. 13, **Holly Peel** enjoys a birthday. **Vesta Graham** is wished a happy Valentine's Day birthday Feb. 14. Blow out the birthday candles for **Andrew Kirkpatrick** Feb. 15. On Feb. 16, **Elizabeth Puente** marks a birthday. Double birthday wishes are sent to **Jeri Joslin** and **Se'brina Roy** Feb. 17.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, Feb. 13: **Celeste Beaty**, **Trisha Waguespack**, **Cristi Skerrett** and **Randy Harms**; Friday, Feb. 14: **Cathi Brockman** and **Jon Baker**; Saturday, Feb. 15: **Mark Wilson**, **Laura Allison**, **Gene Cearnal** and **Kelley Huebner**; Sunday, Feb. 16: **Yvonne Rojas**, **Linda Soria**, **Danielle Cunningham**, **Mary Nell Dees**, **Rhonda Stallbaumer**, **Sharla Fults** and **Lisa Fernandez**; Monday, Feb. 17: **CaShaune Murphy**, **Jeannie Nelson**, **Monica Gonzales**, **Dawn Armstrong**, **Jeri Joslin**, **Donn Reichelt**, **Russell Janacek** and **Susan Slater**; Tuesday, Feb. 18: **Sonja Britt**, **Jason Jaeger**, **Leslie Barr**, **Sterling Washington**, **Rose Pena**, **Tianne Bernal**, **LeRoy Peters**, **Shana Kiser**, **Daer Platt**, **Valerie Chavez** and **Troy Taormina**; and Wednesday, Feb. 19: **Jason Minck**, **Dalaina Rounsavall-Harris**, **Patricia Doran** and **Ryan Mint**.

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.

San Jacinto College student compositions to highlight upcoming music concerts

A highlight of San Jacinto College music concerts in February and early March will be compositions created by student musicians.

All concerts are free and open to the public and will be held at the Monte Blue Music Building on the San Jacinto College Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The concert on Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., will feature selections performed by members of *Ars Lyrica* Houston. *Ars Lyrica* (which means "lyric art") performs music from the 17th and 18th centuries with careful attention to period style and context.

The Valentine-inspired program will feature two French baroque works that examine the pleasures and perils of love: François Couperin's *Portrait of Love*, and Jean-Philippe Rameau's *Impatience*. Three Bach arias examine aspects of sacred love, and the program also includes instrumental works by Jean-Marie Leclair and J. S. Bach.

Performers at the concert will include Daniel Mutlu, tenor; Colin St Martin, baroque flute; Mary Springfels, viola da gamba; and Matthew Dirst, harpsichord.

The Orpheus concert on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m., under the direction of San Jacinto College music professor Joseph Schenck, will feature original works composed by San Jacinto College music students.

Students and music professors from the college will perform the selections.

and *Loops* by Nathan Schweitzer.

A concert on Saturday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m., will feature the San Jacinto College brass choir and the Resonance brass choir. The concert will feature a wide range of styles, including classical overtures, concert marches, an arrangement of a

movie score by pop icon Bjork, original works for large brass ensembles, and arrangements of Stan Kenton's *Cuban Fire* album.

The college's brass choir includes choral and brass musicians who attend San Jacinto College.

The Resonance brass choir is a chamber ensemble

that includes college professors and performing artists from various parts of Texas. The ensemble performs diverse programs featuring music ranging from classical standards to popular styles.

San Jacinto College offers music degrees and courses, as well as private music lessons at all three campuses.

Gardeners hold annual fruit and citrus tree sale

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will hold its annual fruit and citrus tree sale on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 7600 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena.

Heidi Sheesley of Tresearch Farms will give a plant overview at 8 a.m. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information on this and other HCMGA events, visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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Atkinson teachers receive gift cards



One of the incentives for the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser was that Atkinson Elementary teachers would receive a gift card for Lakeshore Learning to buy supplies for their classes. The amount of chocolate each class sold determined the amount of the gift card. Atkinson teachers pictured are, left to right, (front row) Andrea Fox, Cherie

Cundiff, Dana Hoang, Maria Dsouza, LaShondra Evans, Jennifer Chrysler, Brenda Mendoza, Tulu Sarkar, (middle row) Terry Hernandez, Maria Zavala, Kathie Teuscher, Jana Childs, Nan Presley, Nilda Ayala, Courtney Fravala, and (back row) Shaun Bright. Not pictured is Shelly Bracher.
Photo submitted

Remember When

35 years ago (1979)

Jodie Fiore of Beverly Hills Intermediate School represented the Pasadena Independent School District at the annual Chronicle Spelling Bee. She had been to the finals of the competition the previous four years.

Many South Belt area residents were questioning the leash laws and what authorities to contact about the problem of dogs running loose.

30 years ago (1984)

The supervisor of health services for Pasadena Independent School District reported 1,531 flu-like cases in the district in the previous week.

25 years ago (1989)

South Belt area residents' attempts to retain the identity of the area as a whole gained momentum with the introduction of a state Senate bill by Sen. Gene Green. House Bill 69, a bill memorializing Beltway 8 as Sam Houston Parkway with an amendment for South Belt, received its first reading in Austin.

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team rallied in the final eight minutes for a 39-35 victory over South Houston to capture its first district victory.

20 years ago (1994)

Joe Roach, Houston's first new District E councilman in 30 years, wanted to establish a branch office in the district. Three more businesses, Re/Max South Belt real estate office building, Sonic and a five-bay self-serve car wash and detail shop, were planned for Scarsdale.

15 years ago (1999)

Harris County flood control officials unveiled their \$4.5 million plan to reroute Mud Gully to the waterway, which flowed into Clear Creek, would bypass the Brio and Dixie Oil Processing Superfund sites.

Texas State Teachers' Association considered the *South Belt Leader* for the Texas School Bell Award for increasing public understanding of school achievement, problems and programs.

Because of the growing student population at San Jacinto College South campus, plans for a new parking lot were announced. It would provide students with about 660 additional parking spaces.

The Dobie Academic Decathlon team won the regional competition at the Clear Lake High School Ninth-Grade Center.

Beverly Hills Intermediate School student Brandon Nguyen won the school's spelling bee and the district competition, earning the right to represent the Pasadena Independent School District at the Houston Chronicle spelling bee.

5 years ago (2009)

Sagamont Church constructed a massive cross on its property near Beltway 8. In the works since 2007, the completed structure stood 170 feet tall with a span of 60 feet at the horizontal beam. It was made of painted steel and weighed 90 tons and took three days to erect.

Dr. Dixie Melillo was honored when the Pasadena Independent School District middle school that bore her name was officially dedicated. Melillo founded the non-profit organization, The Rose. Melillo Middle School opened at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year to serve fifth- and sixth-grade students from the Burnett Elementary, Frazier Elementary, Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate

Creek Independent School District's \$264 million bond package by a 64 percent to 36 percent margin.

Former longtime Dobie swimming coach Dennis Shippey was found safe after missing for three days. Shippey, 63, had been last seen walking his dog, Lucky, at Strawberry Park in Pasadena. He was suffering from Alzheimer's disease and had reportedly been without his medication. At the request of Shippey's family and the Pasadena Police Department, Texas EquiSearch joined the search for the missing man. Both Shippey and his dog were found in a field in Rosharon by two hunters. Shippey was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Sagametow resident Javier Rene Ortiz III, 30, died in an explosion at the Air Liquide facility in La Porte. The explosion happened in a lab that was used to mix industrial gases, such as nitrogen and hydrogen, which are used to process food, beverages and electronics.

Ortiz was initially reported as missing following the incident. His body, however, was discovered later that evening.

Construction of the building was funded by a bond issue approved by district voters in 2004.

1 year ago (2013)
Judge John Dietz ruled that Texas' education funding was inadequate and inequitable across the state. In his ruling, Dietz specifically called on the state to provide the resources necessary to give all students a real opportunity to graduate from high school ready for college or a career, provide equitable funding to bring all Texas school districts up to the funding levels necessary to meet Texas' high standards and provide local communities with meaningful discretion to provide local enrichment above state requirements. The Pasadena Independent School District and the Clear Creek Independent School District were among 600 school districts to file suit against the state when the Legislature cut \$5.4 billion from public education in 2011. This reduc-

SE area business women meet March 13

South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association welcomes Leah Gonzales, a self-published author who has a passion for writing daily devotions. As she pursued her degree in Biblical counseling, it spurred her on to write words of affirmation and encouragement to assist those dealing with everyday hardships in life.

After a year of writing daily devotions and tucking them neatly in a file, she felt God's gentle nudge to start a blog to share these words of inspiration with others. The nudge to share the devotions on a blog turned into a nudge to self-publish a daily devotional book and enter it in Xulon's 2013 Christian Choice Book Contest. She was awarded first place in the devotional category.

Gonzales firmly believes that everyone has divinely appointed gifts and talents. As she affirms others as having something very important to say, she also encourages them to celebrate their giftedness by capturing their thoughts in book format.

The simplicity of self-publishing makes it that much easier for each and every person to get their message out to the world.

Join Gonzales as she conducts a self-publishing tutorial to empower others to allow their voices to be heard loud and clear. With a few easy steps, one will be ready to launch a new book.

For more information, visit the website at www.SEEN-ABWA.org.

Business women and men throughout the community are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral (private meeting room) at 9115 Broadway (FM-518) in Pearland. The cost of \$20 covers the meal and meeting fee.

For reservations, contact Bryan Davis at 979-297-9922 or bdavis3731@sbcbgla.net.

Care Partners meet Feb. 21

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes and similar disabilities and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Feb. 21, with a Mardi Gras theme. For more information or to register for the gathering, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995, or visit the website at interfaithcarepartners.org.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Feb. 13 through Feb. 19.

Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will be in the library meeting room to assist with tax questions and filing a tax return Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 14. Call the library for more information.

After-school craft is Thursday, Feb. 13, at 4 p.m. Attend and make a Valentine's Day candygram. All materials will be provided. Recommended for ages 5 years and up.

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

Vietnamese storytime is held every Saturday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 2:30 p.m.

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

Bracewell Neighborhood Library

The Bracewell Neighborhood Library, 9002 Kingspoint Drive, recently announced its programs for Feb. 13 through Feb. 19.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, Computer Basics is scheduled at 2 p.m., Internet Basics at 3:30 p.m., and Intro to MS Powerpoint at 5 p.m.

Family storytime will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, and at 11 a.m., a family craft is scheduled.

Baby/toddler storytime will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, with a baby/toddler playgroup at 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 3:15 p.m., Computer Basics is scheduled, and at 4:30 p.m., is Internet Basics.

For information about any of these programs, call the Bracewell Neighborhood Library at 832-393-2580.

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Bush Elementary releases second nine-weeks rolls

Laura Bush Elementary School recently announced its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Kindergarten Perfect and punctual attendance

Camila Arguello, Brandon Austin, Isabella Avila, Kayleen Basurto, Jaidyn Belgrave, Camden Butcher, Joaquin Caballero, Everardo Celedon, Daniel Chavez, Fernanda Cruz, Carlos Cuevas, Jacob Davis, Alberto de Alba, Aiden Diaz, Darian Diaz, Noah Diaz and Zaid Edgar.

Chloe Estes, Yudany Estrada, Alyria Galvan, Noah Garcia, Miranda Gonzalez, Massiah Gordon, Daniela Guerrero, Abigail Gutierrez, Mia Hernandez, Mike Hernandez, Jonha Jefferson, Jandell Leon, Jayden "Bernard" Lozano, David Martinez and My'Kaila Mitchell.

Chinedu Okoro, Kamillah Oliva, Carlos Perez, Jackson Rand, Kayla Reynaud, Ximena Rios, Aileen Rivera,

Sebastian Rodarte, Christina Rodriguez, Olivia Rodriguez, Reema Romman, Julian Salinas, Brittany Sanchez, Eniko Sanchez and Julius Sanchez.

Alejandro Serrano, Jesus Serrano, Anthony Tinajero, Steven Tinoco, Zoelys Torres, Kaylanie Tran, Jolie Trejo, Miguel Valencia, Anthony Van, Fernando Vargas, Alberto Villanueva, Frederick Washington, Joshua Wright and Pablo Zuniga.

First grade Perfect and punctual attendance

Raina Alam, Casey Aleman, Mia F. Arana, Freddy Ayala, Joshua Berlanga, Lizeth Celedon, Mark Chase, Danielle Chenier, Morgan Conley, Valeria De La Garza, Clarissa Diaz, Anthony Dinh, Eric Escamilla, Desmond Etienne, Mia Gallegos and Andrew Garcia.

Christopher Gomez, Atziri Abigail Gonzalez, Isaiiah Gonzalez, Luis Gonzalez, Priscilla Gracia, Tyree Griffin-Strode, Abbie Hernandez, Kenny Ho, Aiden Ho, Jaden Jackson, Gregorio Jaimes, Melanie

Carolina Jaramillo Zamora and Lya Juarez.

Second grade Honor roll

Manlio Arango, Nico Barr, Hannah Carrillo, Nickholas Diaz, Hugo Estrada, Alexia Garcia, Jocelyn Guerra, Kasie Hoang, Jady Johnson, Kamryn Lacy, Sienna Le, Trinity Lopez, Kaleb Luna and Jesus Montano.

Cathy Nguyen, Joshua Nguyen, Nkeiruka Okoro, Ariznelly Rivera, Gia Robinson, Eduardo Tamez, Richmond Thompson, Evelyn

Tran, Evelyn Tran and Tyler Vo.

Merit roll

Kevin Ayala, Naara Chapman, Kassandra Cornejo, Christian Davis, Richard Diaz, Olivia Duron, Ashley Flores, Thy Ho, Xavier Lee, Angel Limachi and Joel Morales.

Justin Nguyen, Jackelyn Ochoa, Axel Olmedo, Carolina Ponce, Itzel Romero, Asuleny Santiago, Savannah Smith, Jordan Tisnado, Abigail Unica and Iven Vu.

Perfect and punctual attendance

Agustine Alejo, Alexander Alonso, Manlio Arango, Ny-lah Banks, Andrea Barcnas, Trevor Barnes, Santiago Bar-rachina, Jade Butler, Maxwell Cash, Adrian Cazares, Daniel Charles, Angel Chavez, Christian Davis, Max Davis, Galilea De La Garza, Celene Diaz and Richard Diaz.

Hillary Do, Olivia Duron, Emmanuel Elizondo, Brian Erazo, Amberly Flores, Ashley Flores, Kevin Flores, Steven Flores, Yozain Flores, Fabian Franco, Alexia Garcia,

Fourth grade Honor roll

Naydelin Almaguer, Mart-shaidy Cuevas, Trent Daley, Trajan Davis, Analaura Elizar-raras, Maureen Garcia, Abi-gail Gonzalez, Sedna Juarez, Tracey Le, Paloma Leal and Alexandra Luna.

Angela Marler, Johnny Nguyen, Lilly Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Christopher Reyes, Jahir Reyes, Ilianna Sanchez, Maya Scott, Roselin Serrano, Kaylah Toyloy, Eric Tran and Kathleen Vu.

Merit roll

Emily Alvarez, Emily Amezcua, Alejandra Barce-nas, Sarahy Franco, Dayanara Garcia, Jesus Gonzalez, Sar-rionna Hobbs, Natalie Jara-millo, Valeria Martinez, Elizabeth Mullins, Victoria Nguyen, Sairi Oliva, Ashley Pham, John Reyna, Jazmine Segovia, Julian Trevino, Hailey Vu and Haley Wright.

Perfect and punctual attendance

Fredis Alvarez, Emily Amezcua, Alan Anthony, Ale-jandra Barcnas, Cameron Barnes, Denny Bonilla, Emmy Britto, Fernando Carrera, Daniel Cavazos, Donovan Chavis, Jasmine Chew, Aidan Cortez, Devanny Cruz, Mart-shaidy Cuevas, Stephanie De La Cruz and Miguel Diosdado.

Isamar Elizalde, Analaura Elizarraras, Arturo Flores, Jocelyn Abril Fores-Sanchez, Sarahy Franco, Katie Gamez, Noe Gamez, Tiana Garcia, Adalie Garza, Nicholas Giron, Isaac Gonzales, Jesus Gonza-lez, Alexis Hernandez, Nayeli Hernandez, Rodolfo Hernan-dez and Bryson Hicks.

Peter Hoang, Sarrionna Hobbs, Jennifer Ibe, Andrew Ingram, Kevet Iraheta, Sedna Juarez, Keely King, Guada-lupe Lopez, Alexia Lozano, Christopher Macias, Astrid Yoquebed Martinez, Damian Mendoza, Aala Mohamad, Victoria Montes, Jesalyn More-no and Elizabeth Mullins.

Melany Munoz, Brandon Nguyen, Johnny Nguyen, Lilly Nguyen, Victoria Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Miriam Orellana, Hailey Ortega, Luis Ortiz, Alan Perez, Tommy Pham, Jahir Reyes, John Reyna and Joshua Rodriguez.

Samuel Ross, Edith Sanchez, Ilianna Sanchez, Izabel Sanchez, Santos Sanchez, Daniel Serrano, Kayla Silva, Terranie Stubblefield, Sergio Tenchon, Briana Torres, Brissa Jasmine Torres and Vanessa Torres.

Kaylah Toyloy, Eric Tran, Tracy Tran, Vanessa Tran, Alex Trevino, Julian Trevino, Kevin Turcios, Jonathan Velasquez, Valarie Villa, Hailey Vu, Kathleen Vu, Paul Vu, Brendon Williams, Drew Williams and James X.

BSS - Perfect and punctual attendance

Braxton Mayo, Donovan Mitchell, D.J. Ridley and Joe Ward.

Castoreno, Atkinson to wed



Carl and Sandy Castoreno of South Belt announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Audrey Aurora Castoreno, to Brian Atkinson, son of John and Norma Atkinson of Westford, Mass. The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Dobie High School and received her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Sam Houston State University. She is currently employed at NewsWest9 in Midland, Texas, as the 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock news anchor. The prospective groom is a New England native and a graduate of Trumbull High School who received his bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State University. He is currently employed at Chase Bank in Odessa, Texas, as a vice president of business banking. The couple is planning a fall wedding in the Hill Country.

Clear Brook students finalists in South by Southwest Film Festival

Clear Brook High School television students Joseph Alvarez and Eric Zelaya's short film *Cliche* qualified as a finalist in this year's South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin. With more than 6,500 entries in the film festival this year,

only 22 were accepted for the high school shorts category.

"Joe and Eric's film surpasses all expectations," said A/V Production, CBTV teacher David Derr. "It is so wonderful to see all of their hard work and long hours

pay off. I cannot think of two students more deserving of this honor."

The short film is about four teenagers on a mission to create the greatest student short film. The film production crew includes Clear Brook High School students

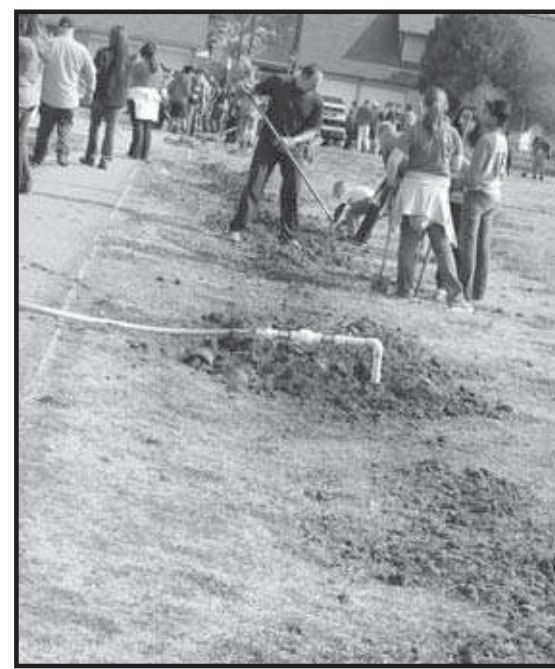
Danny Bernal, Eric Zelaya, Joseph Alvarez and Rachel Acosta, as well as their teacher, David Derr. Also involved were cinematographer Bradley Lien, and actors Ambrose Hayes, Alberto Rivera, Sydney Haygood and Andrew Combs.



SXSW Production Crew are, left to right, Clear Brook High School students Danny Bernal, Eric Zelaya, Joseph Alvarez and Rachael Acosta with CBHS teacher Dave Derr. Not pictured are cinematographer Bradley Lien, and actors Ambrose Hayes, Alberto Rivera, Sydney Haygood and Andrew Combs.

Photo submitted

Sagemont Church members give Thompson field facelift



More than 250 youths from Sagemont Church selflessly donated their time Saturday, Feb. 8, to make renovations to Thompson Intermediate. Male volunteers (shown to the left) focused their efforts on installing a sprinkler system on the school's football field. Female volunteers (shown above) concentrated on painting the adjacent bleachers and other items in need of touch up. See related photo on Page 1A.

Photos submitted

AARP 199 meets Feb. 21

AARP Chapter 199-Webster will meet Friday, Feb 21, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Social hour with coffee and cookies will begin at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will start at 10 a.m.

Members are reminded that this month there will be a potluck lunch. All members and guests are asked to bring a covered dish to join the group after the guest speakers are done with their presentations. Existing members are requested to renew their annual membership. New members should bring their national AARP membership card. Cost for renewal and new members is \$6 per year.

This month, a special guest speaker from CFHEC - Council For Health Education and Development, LLC will present a program on How To Use AP to Access Caregiver Skills on Smart Phone, I Pad and Android. This will be a one-hour special program. The public is invited to hear this program and attend the potluck lunch afterward.


For more information, contact V.J. Thakkar at 832-563-4874 or vthakkar@comcast.net.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 19, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

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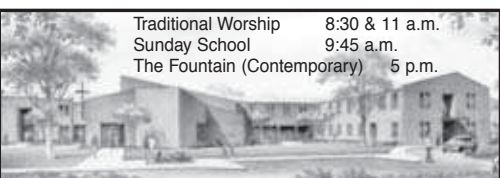
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reached levels never before seen in its 45-year history.

The combined passenger totals from both airport facilities is up 1.2 percent over 2012 – from 50.3 million passengers to 50.9 million passengers in 2013.

The record-setting passenger total recorded at Hobby Airport in 2013 represents the fourth consecutive year that a new passenger record has been set.

Passenger traffic increased by 6.4 percent – from 10.4 million in 2012 to 11.1 million in 2013. Demand for travel from Hobby Airport is growing at a steady pace and has increased 34 percent in 10 years – an increase of almost 3 million passengers since 2004.

“We are entering a very exciting period in the rich history of Hobby Airport,” says Houston Mayor Annise Parker. “Passengers are enjoying the results of a \$350 million renovation program, international air service will be in place by 2016, and the facility is seeing more passengers than ever before. It’s a very exciting time.”

New passenger records were also set at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, where growth in international passenger totals from

2013 fell just short of the 9 million mark. The 8.9 million international passengers from last year represented an increase of 2.5 percent – up from 8.7 million passengers in 2012.

“George Bush Intercontinental Airport plays a key role in making sure that Houston is connected on a global scale,” says Mario C. Diaz, Houston aviation director. “That level of connectivity is important to our city, both from an economic standpoint as well as culturally. The record-setting passenger totals tell us that we’re doing a good job in making sure that connection

is as strong as possible.”

The increase in international travel can be attributed to a number of factors, one of which is the arrival of new international air carriers. Air China and Turkish Airlines both launched non-stop service in Houston in 2013, flying to Beijing and Istanbul respectively. Air China recently expanded its Beijing route, moving from four flights per week to daily service.

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Master gardener events set

Open Garden Day

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, Feb. 17, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. At 9:30 a.m., a program on growing tomatoes and peppers in the area will be presented. The event is free and open to the public. Children are invited. For more information, visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

Lecture series: Landscape Pruning

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2's third Wednesday Lecture Series will continue on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Robt. "Skip" Richter, Harris County AgriLife extension agent, will present a program on Landscape Pruning - Plants and Trees. The event is free and open to the public and will take place in the Clear Lake Park meeting room (on the lakeside), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. For more information, visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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Channelview ends Dobie girls' season

The experience gained will almost certainly pay off down the road, but for now the Dobie varsity girls' basketball program has seen its season come to a close after a first-round playoff loss to Channelview.

The Lady Falcons, representing the No. 2 seed out of District 21-5A, used a

20-4 second-quarter run to put away Dobie during an easy 67-34 victory Feb. 10 at Lee College in Baytown.

Dobie, lacking a single player with playoff experience, hung tight after a quarter at 20-15.

After that, though, the Lady Longhorns were outscored 20-4 in the second

quarter as Channelview advanced to the area round, where defending Region III champion Clear Springs awaits.

Once the Dobie/Channelview matchup was finalized following the end of the regular season, Dobie head coach Shane Brown pointed to Channelview's

quickness and speed as causes for concern.

Brown's team, realistically, could not adjust. Even while staying within striking distance in the opening eight minutes, Dobie played the game at Channelview's fast-paced tempo. Senior guard Taeler Deer went the

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Lady Wolverines advance with victory

Using an 18-2 run midway through the third quarter, Clear Brook's varsity girls' basketball team turned a five-point deficit into an eventual victory 66-54 over Fort Bend Austin, thereby advancing to the area round.

Brook's first playoff victory in four seasons came after the team fell behind in the third quarter and needed a spark.

Twon Mackey scored

seven of her 16 points during that third-quarter surge as the Lady Wolverines earned the right to face District 21-5A champion North Shore in the area round.

Chassidy Harris led Clear Brook with 17 points, while Ryane Adams added 14.

Alex Box gave Clear Brook a fourth scorer in double figures, coming up with 12.

Area Round Playoffs

Clear Brook (21-12) vs. North Shore (27-6)

Friday, Feb. 14
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The Dobie High School swimming program completed an exceptional 2013-2014 season as several athletes qualified for the Region VI meet, held at the Pearland Natatorium. The Longhorns' group at regionals included, left to right, (front row) coach Bradley Nguyen,

Jenna Perez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Emily Wolfe, Summer Naser, (back row) Kevin Nguyen, Christian Bertrand, Ivan Macias and Tin Nguyen. Kevin Nguyen, a junior, highlighted Dobie's effort with a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle while setting a school record.

Dobie's Nguyen sets school record at regionals

Kevin Nguyen is sure to hear his name spoken loudly on the high school swimming scene come 2014-2015 after his recent performance.

The junior led the way for the Dobie High School contingent at the Region VI meet Feb. 7 at the Pearland Natatorium, taking fourth place in the 200-yard freestyle while setting a school

record with his time.

At 1 minute, 47.67 seconds, Nguyen nearly reached his goal of medaling at regionals. Still, his performance was exceptional.

Also at regionals, Nguyen's time of 49.14 in the 100-yard freestyle was ninth-best, and he joined teammates in both the 200- and 400-yard freestyle re-

lays, including one that also set a school record.

Nguyen was with Tin Nguyen, Ivan Macias and Christian Bertrand as the foursome set a school record at 1:33.99 while finishing seventh.

Elsewhere in the meet, Dobie's Tin Nguyen was 13th at 59.86 in the 100-yard backstroke. Tin Nguyen also placed 15th in the

100-yard fly at 57.39.

The Longhorns' 400-yard freestyle relay group, also including Kevin Nguyen, Tin Nguyen, Bertrand and Macias, was 13th with a time of 3:34.01.

As a team, the Longhorn boys scored 62 points, which was 14th-best at the meet.

The Lady Longhorns' Continued on Page 2B

Softball big-timers en route to SJC

Nine wins in 10 games, including a dramatic six-run rally in the latest win, has the San Jacinto Col-

lege softball program off to a fine start in 2014.

But head coach Kelly Saenz knows neither re-

gional tournament titles nor subsequent national championship berths are awarded in February.

She still needs to see more from her team, and Saenz is about to.

San Jacinto College will host its annual invitational Continued on Page 2B

Powerlifting fundraiser is Feb. 15

Members of the Dobie High School powerlifting booster club will host a barbecue fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road.

The plates will include chicken as well as rice and beans and will be \$8 each.

Powerlifting is not an official extracurricular activity governed by the University Interscholastic League, and participants must raise funds for the various costs associated, including equipment, meet fees, etc.

Brook, JFD softball hit tourney circuit

Though headed in different directions, the expectations will be the same as the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity softball teams open the 2014 season in tournament play.

Clear Brook, an area round playoff qualifier a season ago, will be part of the talented field at the Brenham Leadoff Classic Feb. 13-15.

The Lady Wolverines will play six pool play games over three days in the event. Those opponents include Houston

Lamar, Converse Judson, Brenham, Santa Fe, San Antonio O'Connor and Pearland.

Meanwhile, Dobie will be at the Bryan/College Station bracket-style tournament Feb. 13-15.

The Lady Longhorns, who have reached the playoffs each season since 1993, will play Midlothian Feb. 13, at 3 p.m. in a tournament opener.

Clear Brook is one of the host schools for the Feb. 20-22 Clear Creek ISD tournament.

PISD tennis tourney is Feb. 14

The Pasadena Independent School District is again set to recognize a pair of tennis legends during the 2014 Jerry Franklin/Bobby Kramer Spring Invitational, set for Friday, Feb. 14, at Strawberry Park and Dobie High School.

The tournament itself is one of the longest-running spring events in the Houston area, which is now named in honor of Franklin, the former tennis coach at Sam Rayburn High School as well as former Dobie

High School coach Bobby Kramer.

Current Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno still remembers playing in the event in 1974 while a student-athlete at Galveston's O'Connell High School.

"That was back when Strawberry Park had just seven courts," Moreno said.

"We (Moreno and teammate Donald Farmer) won the boys' doubles title on court two that year. I still remember that."

Looking ahead to this year, the tournament will feature boys' and girls' A and B singles and doubles as well as mixed doubles A and B play.

The girls' A doubles and mixed A doubles brackets will play out at Dobie High School, beginning around 8:30 a.m.

Kelly Vuong will team with Lada Heng in the girls' doubles, while Michael Duhon and Triny Tran will play together in the mixed

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Dobie senior guard Makaela Scott (33) goes one-on-one with Channelview's Rene Casey (10) during the girls' bidistrict playoff game Feb. 10 at Lee College, won by the Lady Falcons, 67-34. Photo by John Bechtle

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Channelview's speed, experience too much; Dobie girls' hoops ousted

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Down 20-15 at that point, the Lady Longhorns had a tough time getting much going in the second quarter. "We had about a

three-minute stretch there in the second quarter where the wheels just fell off," Brown said.

"As experienced as Channelview is with all of those seniors, they were able to capitalize on any mistakes on our part. That No. 23 (Deer) is as quick

as they come, and they run the transition game about as well as anyone we've seen, and we've faced Manvel twice.

"That second quarter really told the story for us. It was hard to get anything going from that point on."

Dobie had a bit of a size advantage inside at certain points in the game, yet Channelview was able to limit the Lady Longhorns

to one shot or less on far too many possessions. In turn, Channelview would frequently race back the other way for layups.

"The best way to slow down a team that likes to get out and go like Channelview does is to control the boards (rebounding)," Brown said. "We just didn't do a good enough job there. But the credit goes to Channelview.

That's a good basketball team over there."

Looking ahead, Dobie should continue to be on the upswing. Seniors Deja Richards and Shalyn Scott will graduate, yet as many as 12 others are set to return. Brown may also find a way to mix in a couple of talented players who are currently freshmen.

"Deja and Shalyn certainly did their part in

helping get us back to the playoffs, and we are going to miss their play and their senior leadership," Brown said.

"As for some of the others, they got this playoff experience and now have the challenge of taking it up a notch. We fully expect to be back in the playoff mix next season and beyond."

Watching Channelview

utilize its speed and quickness, Brown envisions more of that from his team in 2014-2015.

With the kids we have coming back and maybe some of those younger players coming up, we certainly should be able to get up and down the floor a little more," Brown said.

"I like the 94-foot, full-court pressure game. We don't have a lot of size in

the subsvarsity groups, but we have players who can really get it and go.

"We built something this year. None of these players had ever experienced the playoffs. They

do now. They know what it takes not only during the season but in the off-season. It was an exciting year, and now we want to take that next step."

Alvin tops Dobie soccer

Alvin has sent a message in varsity boys' and girls' soccer at Dobie's expense.

On Feb. 10, the Yellow-jackets netted eight goals while downing the Longhorn boys' team 8-5 at Veterans' Stadium.

A day later, the Alvin

girls' team defeated Dobie in a shootout after the two teams wound up in a 1-1 tie.

Dobie's Malyn Nunez scored her team's goal. As for the standings, both the JFD boys' and girls' teams were 2-2 early on in District 22-5A play.

SBHLL seeks vendors

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SBHLL opening ceremonies will be held Friday, Feb. 28, with the carnival and a leaguewide parade the following morning.



Dobie varsity girls' basketball team seniors Deja Richards (25) and Shalyn Scott (14) played in their final high school game in the team's bidistrict playoff loss to Channelview Feb. 10. Those players and their contributions on and off the court will be missed, but

Dobie returns as many as 12 players as the offseason is officially under way. At right are Channelview's Marshall Hollins (15) and Candice Jones (22). Photo by John Bechtel

Sports Calendar

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Brook JV at Manvel scrimmage, 6:00
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Dobie varsity at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Dickinson tourn., TBA
Brook JV at Clear Creek ISD tourn., TBA
Brook sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 22

Brook varsity at La Porte tournament, TBA
Dobie varsity at Humble tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Dickinson tourn., TBA
Brook JV at Clear Creek ISD tourn., TBA
Brook sophomores at Brazoswood tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomores at Pasadena tourn., TBA

SOFTBALL

Thursday, Feb. 13

Brook varsity at Brenham tournament, TBA
Dobie varsity at Bryan tournament, TBA

Friday, Feb. 14

Brook varsity at Brenham tournament, TBA
Dobie varsity at Bryan tournament, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 15

Brook varsity at Brenham tournament, TBA
Dobie varsity at Bryan tournament, TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Brook varsity hosts Angleton, 6:30
Brook JV hosts Angleton, 5:00

Thursday, Feb. 20

Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
Brook varsity at Brenham tourn., TBA

Friday, Feb. 21

Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
Brook varsity at Brenham tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 22

Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
Brook varsity at Brenham tourn., TBA

SOCCER

Friday, Feb. 14

Dobie varsity boys vs. Pasadena, Veterans, 8:00
Brook varsity girls at Clear Creek, 7:00
Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00
Brook JV girls at Clear Creek, 5:30
Brook JV boys host Clear Creek, 5:30

Saturday, Feb. 15

Dobie varsity girls vs. Pasadena, Veterans, noon

Monday, Feb. 17

Dobie varsity boys vs. Sam Rayburn, Veterans, 7:00

Friday, Feb. 21

Brook varsity girls host Brazoswood, 7:30
Brook varsity boys at Brazoswood, 7:00
Brook JV boys at Brazoswood, 5:00
Brook JV girls host Brazoswood, 5:30
Brook JV (B) girls host Brazoswood, 4:00

TENNIS

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15

Dobie varsity at Pasadena ISD tournament, TBA

Dobie swimmers excel at regional meet

Continued from Page 1B group also competed well at regionals. And with

many of those athletes slated to return next season, the future is bright.

Dobie's best finish on the girls' side came in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

There, Vanessa Gonzalez, Jenna Perez, Summer Naser and Emily Wolfe combined to take 14th place in a time of 1:53.68.

Perez is the lone senior of the four, with Gonzalez and Naser being sophomores. Wolfe is a junior.

Wolfe was 21st in the 50-yard freestyle at 28.67, and Gonzalez had a time of 1:08.72 for 20th place

in the 100-fly. Gonzalez was also in the 100-freestyle relay, where her time of 1:02.82 was 22nd-best.

Freshman Rebecca Schaefer took part in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke events, and the school's 400-yard freestyle relay team was 19th.

PISD tennis slated for Feb. 14

Continued from Page 1B doubles at Dobie. Moreno is also interested to see how Dobie junior Ruben Vargas fares in boys' A singles.

"Ruben has really been playing well." Moreno said of the superchampionship division player who has already won two straight District 22-

5A boys' singles crowns during spring play.

"He's just physically stronger, and you can tell it's made a difference in his play."

Later this season, Vargas will get his chance to three-peat as the District 22-5A champion.

For now, the talented junior will settle for the

boys' A singles crown at the PISD event.

Selected players from as many as 34 different high school teams are scheduled to compete.

Rising Stars track/field trio score well at AAU nationals

Several standout athletes from the Rising Stars youth track and field team took part in the Amateur Athletic Union's National Indoor Championships, held at the University of Houston's indoor track facility.

Camryn Dickson won a pair of national crowns, finishing first in the 55-meter dash at 8.46 seconds and doubling her victories with a win in the 200-meter dash at 30.32.

Dickson, competing in

the girls' 10-year-old division, barely missed out on a third medal as she was fourth in the 400-meter dash (1:15.87).

Chardel Terrell also had a terrific meet for the Rising Stars while competing in the 8-under girls' ranks.

Terrell finished at 36.53 in the 200-meter dash and then crossed the line at 1:28.94 in the 400-meter dash, both for fourth-place honors.

A third Rising Stars

competitor, 15-16-year-old runner Alaysia Sibley, also excelled.

Sibley's time of 2:42.75 was fourth-best in the 800-meter run. She also completed the 400-meter dash in a time of 1:06.25, which was 11th best nationally.

The indoor season now complete, the South Belt-based Rising Stars team will turn its attention to the outdoor schedule. Registration is ongoing.

San Jac softball invites bigwigs

Continued from Page 1B tional tournament Feb. 14-16 on the South campus, and several of the nation's top-rated programs will be on hand.

In all, San Jac will welcome three nationally ranked programs over the three days, including No. 1 Wallace State Community College.

San Jacinto opens the tournament against third-ranked Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on Friday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. Blinn will face NEO at 4 p.m., and will then take on Wallace State at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15 play begins at 10 a.m. with Wallace State and NEO clashing before 12th-ranked Iowa Western Community College faces Blinn.

San Jac will then play Wallace State at 2 p.m. Blinn will again face NEO at 4 p.m., and San Jacinto College will close out Saturday's action against Iowa Western.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, San Jac begins play against Wallace State at 10 a.m., before Iowa Western and Wallace State go head-to-head at noon.

San Jacinto College will close out the tournament on the final day against Iowa Western at 2 p.m. "It's a loaded tournament, and it will be interesting to see how we compete against some of the nation's best," Saenz said.

"Wallace State won (national title) last season, and Iowa Western made it to the tournament. Along with Oklahoma A&M, that's three teams that were at nationals last season."

To this point, it's hard

to find issue with the way San Jacinto has come out of the starting gate.

Coming off a 40-win season in 2013, San Jac has already won nine in 2014.

Sarah Ragsdale, a first team all-region and all-conference player as a freshman, has simply picked up where she left off.

Slotted in the lead-off spot for San Jac, Ragsdale is hitting .548 while setting the table for the team's run producers.

Two of those big bats, Loren Donaldson (.433) and Carah Nunez (.417), have also been consistently coming up with big hits.

Throw in five wins and a save over the first 10 games from sophomore pitcher Karri Smith, and it's easy to see why the locals are 9-1.

"Carah has been confident and relaxed in the clean-up hole as a freshman, and that's been big," Saenz added.

"We tried some other options, and eventually settled on a freshman. So far, so good."

In the latest win for San Jac, the team trailed 3-0 in the top of the seventh inning against Grayson before scoring six runs for a 6-3 win.

Lauren VonBoeckmann, a former walk-on player, started things with a lead-off double and the inning mushroomed from there.

"We've been getting on base all season to this point," Saenz said.

"Coming up with big hits at key times is always a big thing, and we did that against Grayson to get the win."

Big Shootout champions



Melillo Middle School was well represented at the Pasadena Independent School District's Big Shootout competition Feb. 10 at Phillips Field House as Vanessa Lam (left) won first place and Cidnee Ojeda (right) won second place in the fifth-grade division. The competition featured students from a variety of PISD elementary, middle and intermediate schools who previously outscored their classmates in the Big Shootout while earning a spot at the districtwide event.

PISD Intermediate Basketball Boys' Standings through Feb. 10

Eighth-Grade Light

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

Weekly Scores

Beverly Hills 46, Bondy 38
Jackson 36, Miller 28
South Houston 63, San Jacinto 42
Queens 46, Southmore 38
Thompson 61, Park View 47

Seventh-Grade Light

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

Weekly Scores

Beverly Hills 64, Bondy 37
Miller 41, Jackson 26
South Houston 60, San Jacinto 45
Southmore 41, Queens 10
Thompson 44, Park View 18

Eighth-Grade Dark

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

Weekly Scores

Beverly Hills 43, Bondy 41
Jackson 51, Miller 26
South Houston 28, San Jacinto 24
Southmore 38, Queens 17
Thompson 50, Park View 49

Seventh-Grade Dark

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

Weekly Scores

Beverly Hills 37, Bondy 22
Miller 25, Jackson 18
South Houston 32, San Jacinto 23 (OT)
Southmore 21, Queens 19
Thompson 56, Park View 11

Wolverines' Solis to attend Bethel College



Clear Brook varsity football player Jesse Solis (seated center) will attend Bethel College in North Newton, Kan., after signing a letter of intent. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Daniel Henery (father), Elizabeth De La Huerta (mother), Madeline De la Huerta (sister), (middle row) Gabriel De la Huerta (brother), Sydney De La Huerta (brother), (back row) Sharon Lopez (Brook assistant principal), Ebony Barnett (Brook counselor) and Paul Lanier (Brook varsity football head coach).

Brook footballer Mobley picks Northwestern State



Clear Brook High School varsity football player Joe Mobley III (seated center) is headed to Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., after signing with the Demons. Those with Mobley at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Joe Mobley Jr. (father), Tiona Huckaby (mother), (middle row) Sharon Lopez (Brook assistant principal), Jazmin Mobley (sister), Melanie Lopez (girlfriend), Jenni-

fer Gault (Brook assistant principal), (back row) Alwynn Van Buren (Amateur Athletic Union coach), Sam Farrell (intermediate school coach), Esteban Graham (eighth-grade basketball coach), David Graham (seventh-grade basketball coach), Paul Lanier (Brook varsity football head coach) and Joyce Young (Brook instructor).

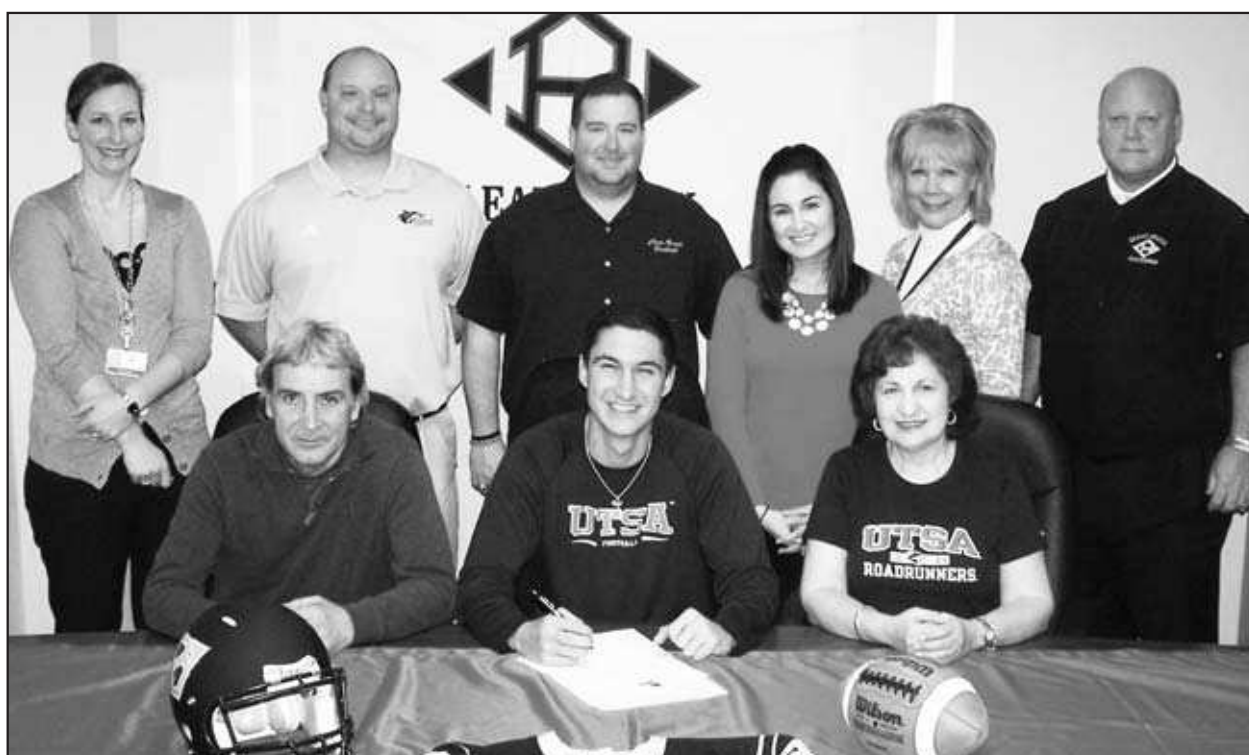
Dobie's Thomas headed to Kilgore



Dobie High School varsity football player Adoniz Thomas (seated second from left) will play football and continue his studies at Kilgore College in Kilgore after signing a letter of intent with the Rangers. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Lashunda Page (Dobie counselor), Hubert Thomas (father), Charles Ashley (Amateur Athletic Union coach), (back row) Dobie varsity football head coach Jim Phillips.

Photo by Savana Velasquez.

Wolverines' kicker Routsas signs with UTSA football



Clear Brook High School varsity football player Yannis Routsas (seated center), one of the area's top kickers and punters, will attend the University of Texas at San Antonio after signing with the Roadrunners. Those with Routsas at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Perry Routsas

(father), Penny Routsas (mother), (standing) Sharon Lopez (Brook assistant principal), Justin Maronge (Brook football assistant coach), Aaron Troyer (Brook football assistant coach), Elpida Routsas (sister), Joyce Young (Brook instructor) and Paul Lanier (Brook varsity football head coach).

Dobie freshman A wins 22-5A hoops crown



Dobie High School's freshman A boys' basketball team captured the District 22-5A championship this season after going 13-1 in league play as part of a 21-1 overall record. Members of the team are, left

to right, (front row) Treyveon Prater, Jacoby Davis, Jeremy Davis, Royce Hunter, Julio Vela, (back row) head coach Roland Deyon, Jamisson Wilson, Jay Armstead and Jeremy Davis.

Rising Stars track

The Rising Stars youth track and field program is still hosting registration each Saturday through February, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Dobie High School track. Those who wish may also sign up online by visiting the team's website at sports.blue-sombro.com/risingstars.com. Ongoing team practices include Fridays from 4 p.m. to dark, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, call head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248 or team president Chancellor Dickson at 832-340-8269.

11-under select baseball

An 11-under select baseball program in the South Belt area is seeking players for United States Specialty Sports Association tournament play this spring. Call Craig Redmon at 281-236-5112 or Aaron Longoria at 713-478-0078 for details.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

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

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MiMi's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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

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

Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts.

Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 212. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

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.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 - "Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale Overview", Saturday, Feb. 15, at 7600 Red Bluff Rd. in Pasadena. Heidi Sheesley of Treesearch Farms will give a plant overview at 8 a.m. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information on a list of topics and location visit www.hcmga.tamu.edu or call 281-855-5600.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For persons whose lives are affected by someone who is addicted. Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. The stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. Admission is free. The show is held at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - For persons who are trying to overcome drug addiction. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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.

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San Jac College soccer players pick four-year programs

Four San Jacinto College soccer players have signed national letters of intent to continue their education and soccer careers at three universities across the country.

Sophomore midfielder Pablo Vasquez (Madrid, Spain/El Burgo de las Rosas) is headed for San Diego State University in California.

Vasquez ended San Jacinto College's 2013 season with 11 goals and 13 assists for 35 points.

He also received National Soccer Coaches Association of America first

team All-American and All-South Region first team honors.

Sophomore defender

SJC coach hosts tryout

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team will hold open tryouts for the 2014 season on Friday, March 21, at the South campus soccer field.

Tryouts are open to high school seniors, recent high school graduates, current San Jacinto College students, and college transfers.

Participants are re-

quired to bring their own shin guards and water. Tryouts will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Rd. For more information about tryouts, call soccer head coach Ian Spooner at 281-922-3475, or direct email to him at ian.spooner@sjcd.edu, or visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Call Casarez (Austin/James Bowle High School) will move on to play for Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Casarez finished last season with six goals for 12 points and was named San Jacinto College's Newcomer of the Year.

Sophomore defenders Pablo Reyes (North Shore High School) and Jesse Suarez (San Bernadino, Calif./Cajon High School) will continue their college soccer careers at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

The 2013 San Jacinto

College men's soccer team had a record-breaking season, taking it to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament semifinals in Tyler.

Finishing third in the nation, the team also set a new school record, ending the season with a 20-2-0 overall record.

A fifth San Jacinto College player, Sito Seoane, is still on the Houston Dynamo preseason roster.

Listed as a triallist, Seoane has played well.

For more information on San Jacinto College soccer, visit sanjacsports.com.



San Jacinto College soccer players, from left, Pablo Reyes, Call Casarez, Pablo Vasquez and Jesse Suarez, will continue their education and playing careers at four-year universities after signing letters of intent. Joining the players is (standing) San Jacinto College men's soccer head coach Ian Spooner. Last

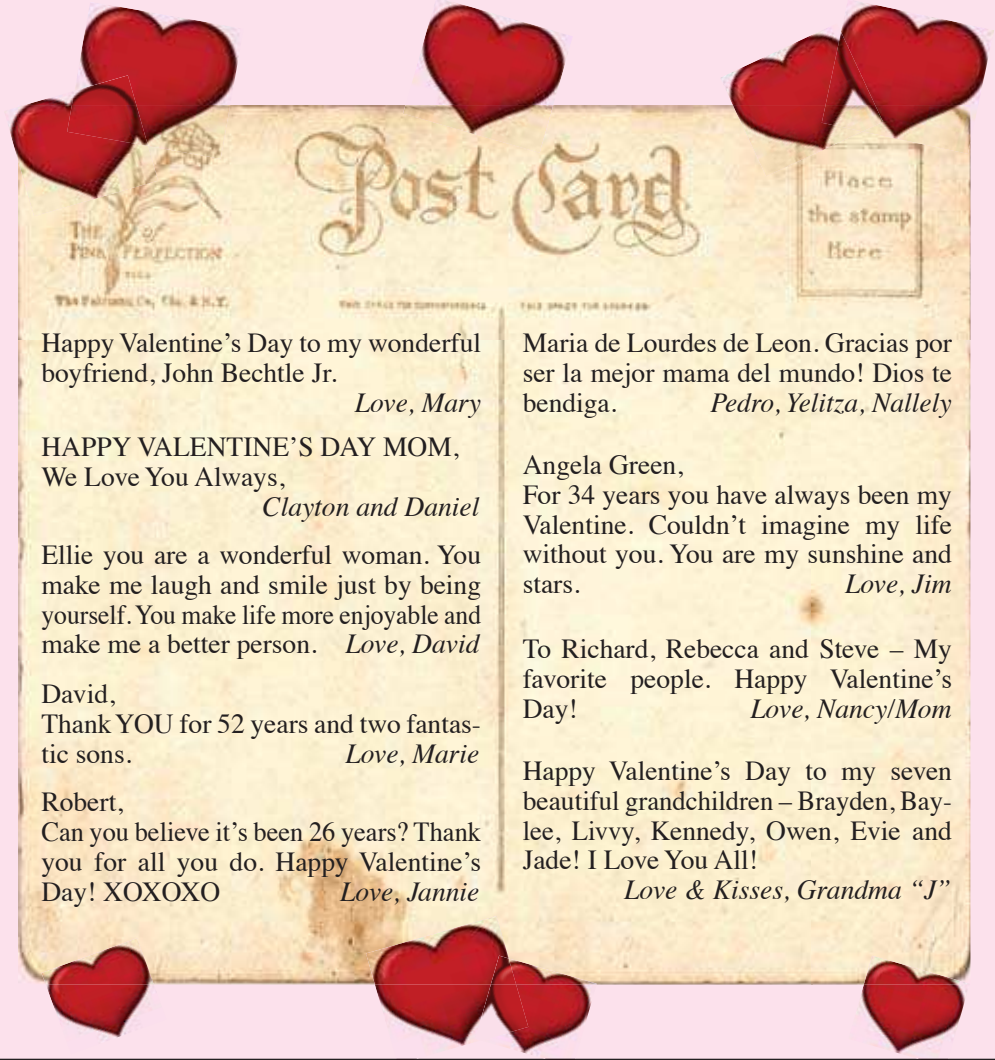
season, the four players were key cogs as the team won a school record 20 matches and eventually played in the National Junior College Athletic Association's national tournament semifinals before taking third place.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Happy Valentine's Day

*- Jennifer, Joey, -
- Stacey, Austin & Tyler -
My darling children - You have made my life so much more than I could have wished for. I couldn't have asked for better children. I love you all forever & ever,
- Mother*

*Mary,
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
Love you and our crew so much!
- JB*



Happy Valentine's Day to my wonderful boyfriend, John Bechtle Jr.

Love, Mary

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY MOM,
We Love You Always,

Clayton and Daniel

Ellie you are a wonderful woman. You make me laugh and smile just by being yourself. You make life more enjoyable and make me a better person.

Love, David

David,
Thank YOU for 52 years and two fantastic sons.

Love, Marie

Robert,
Can you believe it's been 26 years? Thank you for all you do. Happy Valentine's Day! XO XO XO

Love, Jannie

Maria de Lourdes de Leon. Gracias por ser la mejor mama del mundo! Dios te bendiga.

Pedro, Yelitza, Nallely

Angela Green,
For 34 years you have always been my Valentine. Couldn't imagine my life without you. You are my sunshine and stars.

Love, Jim

To Richard, Rebecca and Steve - My favorite people. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Nancy/Mom

Happy Valentine's Day to my seven beautiful grandchildren - Brayden, Baylee, Livvy, Kennedy, Owen, Evie and Jade! I Love You All!

Love & Kisses, Grandma "J"

Lutheran South's Jackson to Liberty

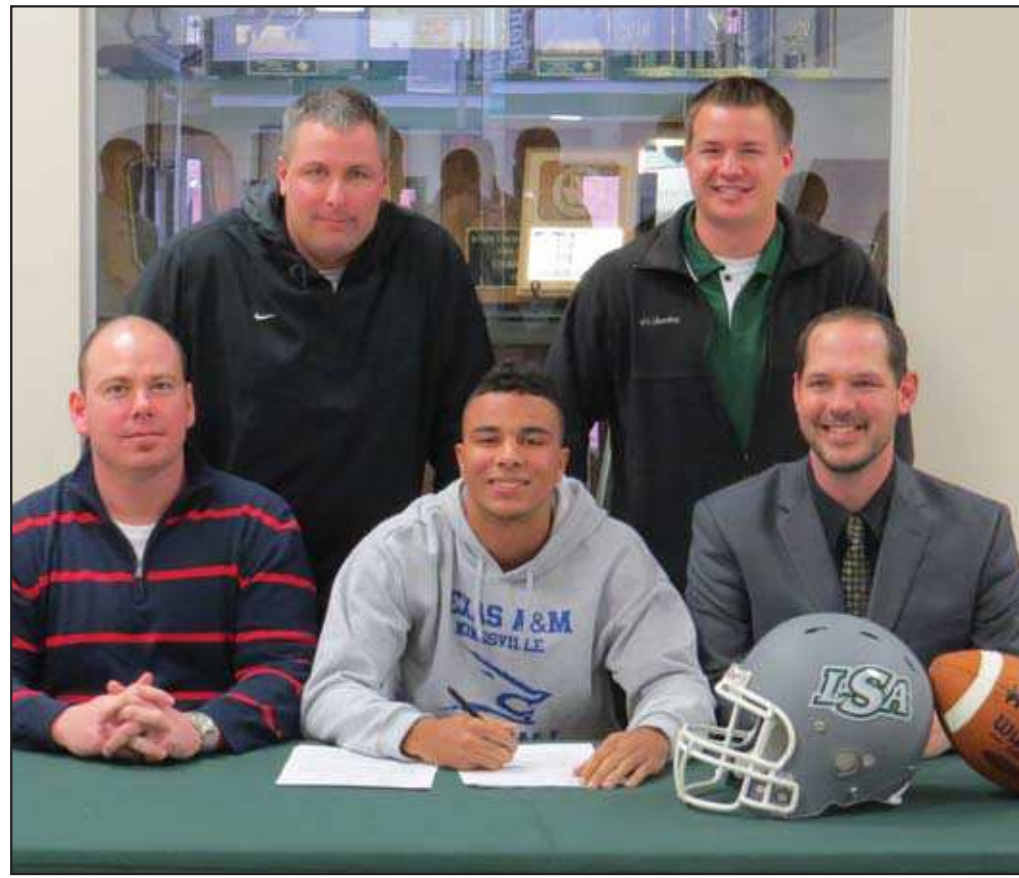


Lutheran South Academy football player Cameron Jackson (seated second from left) will continue his education and playing career at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., after signing a letter of intent. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, Stephen Robbins (LSA varsity football head coach) and LSA varsity football assistant coaches Aaron Carpenter and Erik DeHaven.

en. Named to the Preseason All Greater Houston Team, Jackson starred on both sides of the ball for the Pioneers. A team captain as a senior, Jackson was nominated for Defensive Player of the Year by the Houston Touchdown Club and was selected as a first team all-district player. Off the field, Jackson is a member of the Pioneer Unity Council.

Lutheran South's Barton moves on to A&M Kingsville FB

At right, Lutheran South Academy standout football player Jordan Barton (seated center) signed a letter of intent to play football and continue his studies at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) LSA varsity football assistant coach Erik DeHaven, LSA varsity football head coach Steven Robbins, (standing) LSA varsity football assistant coaches Aaron Carpenter and Nathan Bahr. A first team all-state selection at receiver, Barton had 65 receptions for 1,175 yards and 14 touchdowns. He was later named a National Underclassmen Combine All-American.



Brook's Sincox headed to Cornell



Clear Brook varsity volleyball player Chelsea Sincox (seated center) is headed to Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., to continue her education and playing career after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Holly Sincox (mother), John Sincox (father), Victoria Santos (Brook teammate), (back

row) Juliette DiGiuseppe (Brook teammate), Jessica Curtis (Brook varsity volleyball assistant coach), Meredith Thompson (Brook varsity volleyball head coach), Ryan Davies (Brook varsity volleyball assistant coach), Cathy Supak (Brook head female athletic trainer) and Jasmine Juliette (Brook teammate).

CB football standout Sonnier to Henderson State



Clear Brook varsity football player Cameron Sonnier (seated second from left) will play collegiately after inking a letter of intent to attend Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Carmen Sonnier (mother), Marshall Sonnier (father), Tyler Buckminster (personal trainer),

(standing) Kimberly Rush (Brook DECA instructor), Luis Garza (best friend), K.J. Malone (Brook teammate), Ebony Barnett (Brook counselor), Sharon Lopez (Brook assistant principal), Corey Sonnier (brother), Malik Sonnier (brother), Chamera Sonnier (aunt) and Paul Lanier (Brook varsity football head coach).