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Jingle Bell Jog planned

Melillo Middle School will hold its fifth annual Jingle Bell Jog on Saturday, Dec. 1. This community event is aimed at helping local families for the holidays. All participants are asked to bring two nonperishable food items or one new unwrapped toy. All of the food and toy donations collected will go directly to the *Leader's* annual Christmas drive. Holiday dress is encouraged. Camp Gladiator will be on-site to get everyone warmed up before the jog. All participating Melillo students will receive an open gym pass for Dec. 20. Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place Melillo boy and girl joggers. The Melillo band will perform, and there will be a drawing for a free turkey. Registration is at 8 a.m., and the jog will begin at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Kelly Jurek at 713-740-5260.

CrossRoads snow event set

CrossRoads UMC, 10330 Scarsdale, will host *The Chill*, a free community event featuring 10,000 pounds of snow in which children can play on Friday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Other attractions include a train display, hot dogs, cookie decorating, face painting, cocoa, crafts and photos with Santa Claus. Church youth will act out the nativity to end the event.

JFD Early College meeting

Dobie will hold an Early College High School parent information meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11, at main campus in the media room from 6 to 7 p.m. This meeting is for current eighth-grade students who will attend Dobie next school year.

Sagemeadow holds election

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee will hold an election Saturday, Dec. 1, to fill an open position on its board. The election will take place at the Sagemeadow MUD building, located at 10755 Hall Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday cookies for sale

St. Frances Cabrini Women's Club invites everyone to its annual Holiday Cookie Walk Sunday, Dec. 2, from 8 a.m. to noon at Francesca Hall, 10727 Hartsook. Guests can fill a container with homemade cookies. Guests are encouraged to come early for the best selection. Cookies will be sold by the pound.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. At least one outside lane on the eastbound frontage road of Beltway 8 will be closed from SH 35/Telephone Road to Pearland Parkway through 7 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 11. The U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Wednesday, Dec. 26. The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 11. The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Preston will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 11. The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Fairmont Parkway will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 11. At least one inside lane on the northbound frontage road of Beltway 8 will be closed from Vista to Spencer Highway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, Dec. 19. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

CrossRoads presents cantata

CrossRoads UMC choir and orchestra presents the Christmas cantata *How Great Our Joy* under the direction of Wayne Browne on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 10030 Scarsdale.

I-45 closures scheduled

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31. The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518. There will be a total closure of the southbound frontage road on the Gulf Freeway at FM-528/W NASA Parkway daily (excluding Sundays) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 3. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Early voting underway in District 6 race

Special election held to fill Garcia's vacated state Senate seat

Early voting for the state Senate District 6 special election to fill the seat being vacated by Sylvia Garcia began Monday, Nov. 26, and will continue through Friday, Dec. 7.

During the 12-day early voting period, nine locations will be available to the 330,000 registered voters within the senate district who want to cast a ballot before Election Day, Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Senate District 6 encompasses most parts of the South Belt community that are located within the city limits, rather than unincorporated parts of the county. (See related map on this page.) All of the district, drawn specifically to favor Democrats, is located within Harris County.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was required to call for the special election after Garcia officially resigned from her state Senate seat, having easily

won her congressional bid for U.S. House District 29 in the Nov. 6 general election.

Four candidates have filed to fill the vacancy, including two front-runners already currently serving in the Texas House: state Reps. Carol Alvarado and Ana Hernandez. Each of the two candidates, both Democrats, was recently re-elected to their respective positions, with Hernandez running unopposed, and Alvarado facing only a third-party challenger.

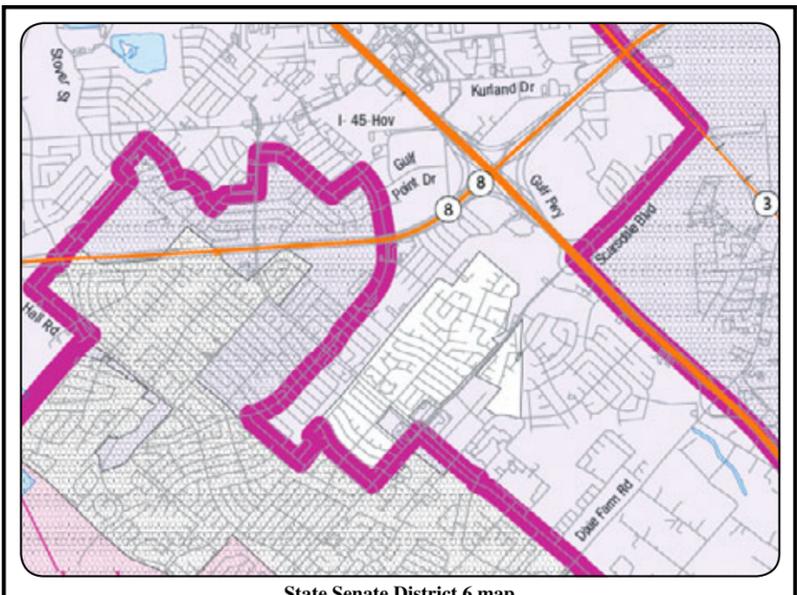
Alvarado had previously run against Garcia for the position in 2013, when the congresswoman-elect first took the reins.

The remaining two candidates are Democrat Mia Mundy and Republican Martha Elena Fierro.

Mundy is an executive search consultant for Manhattan Resources. Prior to joining the company in 2017, Mundy worked in educational technology, real estate and health care. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree

in business administration from Hannibal-LaGrange University in Missouri and a master's degree in education from Sam Houston State University. Mundy volunteers for Child Advocates, the National Football League, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the City of Houston, Project C.U.R.A.T.E., the Montrose Center and Lambda NextGen Houston.

Born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas (Mexico), Fierro came to the United States as an undocumented immigrant at the age of seven. During the Ronald Reagan presidency in 1986, Fierro received amnesty under the Immigration Control and Reform Act. She graduated from Austin High School in 1991, becoming the first in her family to earn a diploma. Fierro continued her education at Houston Community College, where she became a certified nursing assistant. She went on to work at both Memorial Hermann and Ben Taub hospitals. Fierro further continuing on Page 2A



State Senate District 6 map

Gulf Freeway crash kills 1, injures 2

Vehicle involved taken in carjacking; suspect arrested

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway around 2:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23.

According to investigators, the vehicle involved in the accident had been stolen at gunpoint on Navigation Boulevard approximately 45 minutes prior to the crash.

Police said the driver of a stolen white Hyundai Elantra was traveling south on the Scarsdale exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway, when he failed to maintain a single lane and struck the median dividing the exit ramp from the service road. The Elantra then struck a sign on the median, crossed the southbound lanes of the service road and hit a light pole in front of the AutoNation Chevrolet

car dealership.

The front-seat passenger, a 16-year-old male, was pronounced dead at the scene. His identity was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, at press time.

The two rear-seat passengers were transported by Houston Fire Department paramedics to area hospitals in serious condition.

The juvenile driver, 16, was arrested at the scene on aggravated robbery charges in connection with the carjacking of the Elantra. Investigators said they are still working to confirm the involvement of the other three teens.

The investigation and cleanup lasted until about 8 a.m. Friday.

Hearing planned on Hwy. 3 proposal

The Texas Department of Transportation will host a public hearing Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W. Walker in League City, to discuss proposed improvements to Highway 3 from Richey to FM 518. Displays will be available at 5:30 p.m., with a formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information about the proposed project and to gather input from the public. Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review and comment. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions.

The proposed project is approximately 14.25 miles long. It would require no new acquisition of right-of-way. Improvements are located in Houston, South Houston, Webster and League City in Harris and Galveston counties.

TxDOT proposes to add bike lanes on the outside of both northbound and southbound Highway 3 between Richey Street to FM 518. The addition of the bike lanes will utilize the exist-

ing shoulders and will require approximately 2 to 5-feet of pavement widening in some areas, mostly on the southbound side of Highway 3. The proposed project would include 5-foot bike lanes with a 1- to 3-foot buffer in most areas. Bike lanes with no buffer are proposed in highly constrained areas and at intersections with dedicated turn lanes per Federal Highway Administration standards.

The proposed endeavor also calls for constructing northbound right turn lanes at Pineloch Drive and El Dorado Boulevard.

Approved environmental documentation technical reports, maps showing the project location, proposed schematic and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007.

These materials are also available for inspection on Page 4A

Rice's Stein speaks on midterms

Robert M. Stein, Ph.D., Rice University's expert on urban politics, public policy, and voting behavior, shared his outlook on the 2018 midterm elections before a large luncheon gathering of members of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership on Nov. 13 at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake.

Stein began by asking, "Let me give you a question and answer that question with a lot of ambiguity, which is what academics do. 'What happened?'" He noted the obvious and said that the election was unusual. However, was it what political scientists sometimes call a deviating election? He really didn't think so and explained, "There are three variables - three things that matter. One is trends - trends and the demography of the state. The demography of the state includes, age, race, ethnicity, people who move in, people who move out, people who die, and who replaces those people who die. The second variable is what I call candidates. Candidates really do matter. A good candidate is a man or woman who has run before, has raised money, and has gotten voters' support. The third variable is the brand. The brand is the party brand and the brand that President Trump now owns."

Reviewing the facts

Stein reviewed the facts of the recent election explaining, "At the state and congressional levels, Democrats picked up two congressional seats, and 12 Texas House seats changed hands from the Republicans to the Democrats giving the Democrats 67 seats and 83 for the Republicans. There were countywide sweeps of district judges in Fort Bend, Dallas and Harris counties.

"Of the eight congressional races that Republicans won with incumbents, not one of them had a margin of more than 53 percent. They were barely able to beat challengers. What's even more interesting, of the 17 Texas House seats that Republicans were able to retain with margins of less than 53 percent, 11 of the Democratic candidates they faced were women. My point is demography. This is not your grandfather's state. It's not your grandfather's city. It's not your grandfather's precinct."

Historic voter turnout

He noted in Democratic precincts and counties, this election was historic for turnouts - 92 percent of the turnout for the 2016 election. Republican precincts and counties averaged 97 to 98 percent of

Booster club investigation nears close

The *Leader* has learned the investigation into the alleged Dobie baseball booster club theft is drawing to a close, with charges expected to be filed by the end of the week.

Current booster club board members have accused a former board member of embezzling thousands of dollars from the Dobie Diamond

organization.

The investigation has been active for more than three months and has been featured on both Channel 11 and Channel 13 news reports.

See next week's *Leader* for a full follow-up article, and check the *Leader's* Facebook page for updates on this developing story.

Man arrested for indecent exposure

A man was arrested on a charge of indecent exposure Sunday, Nov. 5, in the 10800 block of Scarsdale around 8 a.m.

According to Sgt. Robert Sanchez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the incident began when a female victim arrived at the Walgreens at the Beamer intersection at approximately 7:50 a.m., roughly 10 minutes before the store opened. As she approached the building, the male suspect told her the store was closed, at which time, the female attempted to return to her vehicle.

As she walked toward her car, the man stuck out his hand, as if to offer a handshake. When the victim accepted his handshake, the suspect would not let go of her hand. He then made a ges-

ture to the female, suggesting a sexual encounter. The female was able to then free herself and got back into her vehicle. As she attempted to leave, however, the suspect stood in front of the car and exposed himself to her. At this point, the victim called 911, and the suspect fled on foot heading west on Scarsdale toward Auto Zone.

Responding deputies spotted someone matching the suspect's description leaving the nearby Dunkin' Donuts. The male was subsequently detained for questioning. The female was able to positively identify the detainee as the suspect and wrote an official statement detailing the account. Randy Bimel, 23, of Windmill Lakes Boulevard, was arrested and charged with indecent exposure.

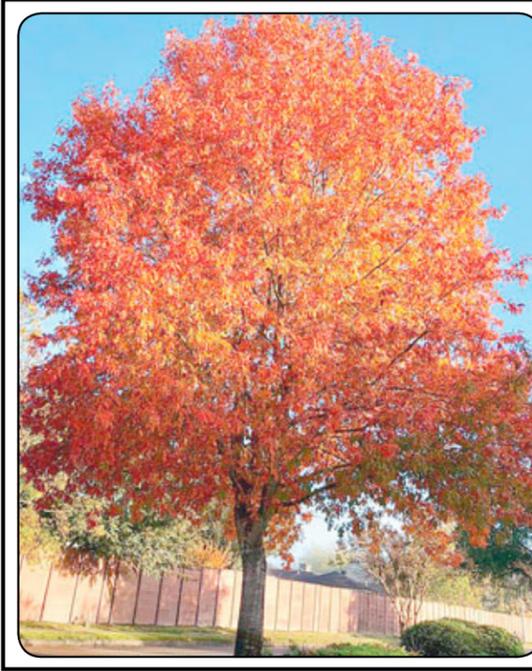
Boykins holds holiday celebration

City Council Member Dwight Boykins will host his fifth annual holiday tree lighting and Kwanzaa celebration Saturday, Dec. 8, on Almeda Road between Southmore and Calumet from 4 to 8 p.m.

The event will feature a fireworks display, live entertainment from New Cupid and Brian Jack and

the Zydeco Gamblers, ice skating, snow, train rides, a rock-climbing wall, a fashion show, food, photos with Santa and much more.

Vending space is available. For more information, visit www.districtdholidayhouston.com. See related ad on Page 6B.



Rare fall colors appear in South Belt

South Belt residents have undoubtedly noticed the fall colors in the community, as foliage on area trees has changed hues for the season. While the autumn color change is common in other parts of the county, it's rare in Houston due to weather conditions. The photo to the left was taken by South Belt resident Ronn Canon on Scarsdale between Blackhawk and Beamer.

Photo by Ronn Canon

City approves spaceport funding

Houston City Council recently approved more than \$18.8 million in funding for Phase 1 of the Houston Spaceport project at Ellington Airport.

The completion of work on the design-build agreement with Texas Sterling-Banicki, JV LLC, will provide infrastructure vital to the development of the 90 acres set aside for Phase 1, including streets, water, wastewater, electrical power distribution facilities and communications facilities necessary to attract future development.

Granted the 10th commercial spaceport license in June 2015, the Houston Spaceport will become a focal point in the region for aerospace operations, such as the launching of micro satellites, astronaut training, zero gravity experimentation, spacecraft manufacturing and a host of other potential activities.

"Houston offers a booming economy with a strong aerospace industrial base, a well-educated workforce with experience in the high-tech demands of space exploration and plenty of room for growth at a strategically located airport facility," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. "The Houston Spaceport project looks to the future and embraces our city's spirit of adventure and innovation."

Phase 1 of the Houston Spaceport project will offer tenants and partners a unique environment in which to collaborate as well as an operational platform to achieve critical business objectives. By housing organizations from across several industries and disciplines on one campus, the 10th licensed commercial spaceport located in the

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Frazier holds health fair



Frazier Elementary held its annual health fair on Nov. 8 where several booths were set up for students and parents to visit. Shown above is kindergartener Isabel Mejia with the Chick-fil-A cow. Shown below are Frazier third-grader Aubrey Lugo (second from right) and her mother Crystal Lugo (far right) as they stopped by the Texas Beef Council booth to pick up information. Sitting in the back displaying books are Alex Huynh (left) and Cindy Theriot.



Shown below is Frazier third-grader Ezekiel Guzman (front, right) visiting the Houston Pediatric Dentistry's booth during the health fair. With him are, left to right, (first row) his mother Mariana Gutierrez, his brother Jacob Guzman and (second row) Debbie Vasquez.



CDC health survey comes to HC

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, the most comprehensive survey of the health and nutritional status of the U.S. population is coming to Harris County beginning Nov. 29.

All counties in the United States have a chance to be selected for the NHANES and this year, Harris County is one of 15 counties that was selected to be part of this initiative. NHANES provides important data on public health problems from a national perspective.

Each year, 5,000 fortunate residents across the nation have the chance to participate in the latest National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"NHANES serves as the nation's 'health check-up,' going into communities to collect health information throughout the country," said Charles J. Rothwell, NCHS director. "The survey is a unique resource for health information, and without it we would lack important knowledge about major health conditions."

For the past 55 years,

NHANES has had a prominent role in improving the health of all people living in the U.S. Public health officials, legislators, and physicians use the information gathered in NHANES to develop sound health policies, direct and design health programs and services, and expand the health knowledge for the nation. NHANES findings provide critical health-related information on a number of issues such as obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. In addition, NHANES data are used to produce national references and are used to create standardized growth charts for pediatricians across the country.

"Participating in this survey gives you the unique opportunity to help identify health issues that impact you, your family and community," said Stephen Williams, director of the Houston Health Department. "We strongly endorse NHANES and hope you say yes if asked to participate."

Everyone in the U.S., from babies yet to be born to the elderly, has benefited from the information gathered by NHANES. The comprehensive data collected by NHANES has a far-reaching and significant impact on everything from the quality of the air one

breathes, to the vaccinations one gets from the doctor, to the emergence of low-fat and "light" foods on the shelves of grocery stores.

Now, an NHANES team of health professionals, nutritionists and health technicians is heading toward Harris County and wants everyone who is lucky enough to be selected for the survey to agree to participate.

Residents will have an invitation-only opportunity to participate in NHANES. Individuals have been selected at random (in a process similar to taking names out of a hat) for NHANES, and include all ages, races, and ethnicities in order to represent the U.S. population as a whole. Respondents first participate in a health interview conducted in the respondent's home followed by a health examination that takes place in the NHANES mobile examination center.

While no medical care is provided directly in the mobile examination center, a report on physical findings is given to each participant along with an explanation from survey medical staff. All information collected in the survey is kept confidential and privacy is protected by law.

Elected officials share their words

Olson remembers Bob McNair

Rep. Pete Olson released the following statement regarding the passing of Houston Texans owner Bob McNair:

"Bob McNair was a true visionary who cared deeply about the wonderful place we call home, Texas. Bob and I

shared a passion for helping people, working to make this world a better place and, of course, football. Bob brought professional football back to Houston with the Houston Texans which in turn brought joy and light into homes and stadiums across the country.

My deepest condolences go out to the entire McNair family as they grieve this great loss. Houston has lost a kind soul, but Bob's legacy will live on through the Houston Texans. May he have fair winds and following seas in heaven."

Boykins releases statement on death of Robert C. McNair

The following statement was released by City Councilman Dwight Boykins on the death of Robert C. McNair:

"To many Houstonians, Bob McNair was known pri-

marily as the owner of the Houston Texans. I knew Mr. McNair as a man of God who walked in faith. In fact, I personally told him how much I appreciated seeing him kneel in prayer during a game when

a Texans player got hurt," said Boykins.

"Tonight, my thoughts and prayers are with his wife Janice along with their family and loved ones. May Bob McNair rest in peace."

COH asks Houstonians to pay it forward, donate to California

As California faces another year of devastating wildfires responsible for the heartbreaking loss of life and incredible destruction, the City of Houston and The Houston Relief Hub will collect donations to assist those affected by the California wildfires.

"Our city will never turn its back on people around the country who may need assistance during and following a disaster, whether it is flooding, a hurricane or a catastrophic wildfire," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "This is the time of year we count our blessings and share with others. I encourage people to donate to the relief effort if they are in a position to assist at this time."

The relief effort will accept donations of the following items:

- N95 respirator masks (urgent need for this item)
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food items
- Personal hygiene items
- Gently used clothes and toys
- Pet Food and Supplies

"Many of us have personal connections to California, and it's painful to watch the destruction from afar. During the season of Thanksgiving, I encourage Houstonians, who are able, to donate to this effort and assist people in need," Houston Relief Hub founder Bill Baldwin said. "California generously

helped us during our time of need after Hurricane Harvey, and now it's our turn to Pay it Forward."

Donations may be dropped off at the following location: Boulevard Realty office, 833 Studewood St., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

The City of Houston and the Houston Relief Hub will coordinate Houston's Paying It Forward Wildfire Relief Efforts and work with local entities to ship and deliver supplies next week.

Last month, Houston's Pay It Forward efforts collected items for victims of Hurricane Michael and Hurricane Florence.

Green to deliver San Jac commencement address

U.S. Rep. Gene Green will deliver the commencement address at the San Jacinto College fall commencement ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m., at Minute Maid Park.

Green, who represents the 29th Congressional District of Texas, was first elected to Congress in 1992 after 20 years in the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate.

In 1996, Green was appointed to the powerful U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, on which he continues to serve. For the 115th Congress he is the ranking member for the Subcommittee on Energy, Subcommittee on Environment, and the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.

"We are excited to welcome Congressman Green as our keynote speaker for our fall commencement ceremony," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "Congressman Green has been a champion

for San Jacinto College and workforce training programs throughout his years in public service, and was instrumental in helping us to get our maritime program up and running. I look forward to hearing his address to our graduates."

Since being elected to the House of Representatives, Green has been a champion of health issues, energy, education, labor, domestic manufacturing, and preserving Social Security and veterans benefits. He has worked hard to improve access to quality health care, support initiatives to improve the economy and job training, and maintain financial aid for students.

Green has been involved in a number of local issues and projects. He has been instrumental in securing federal funds for the expansion of the Port of Houston and Houston METRO's light rail, supporting the expansion of community health centers in the Houston area, and pushing legislation to declare the

Buffalo Bayou a National Heritage Area.

Green also organizes many annual events in the 29th District that serve the community. His annual "Citizenship Day" and "Immunization Day" are two of his most successful annual events, along with dozens of neighborhood town hall meetings each year.

A native Houstonian, Green graduated from Jeff Davis High School. He received a degree in business administration from the University of Houston in 1971. He attended Bates College of Law at the University of Houston and was admitted as a member of the State Bar of Texas in 1977. He and his wife Helen Green have two children, Dr. Angela Green Hewlett and Christopher Green. They also have four grandchildren.

More information about the San Jacinto College commencement ceremony can be found at sanjac.edu/com-mencement-ceremony.

Israeli folk dancing continues

And the dancing continues... What meant to last only four to five months is now in its ninth year, as the participants do not want to stop dancing. The sessions are not built on one another, so missing a few sessions or just starting the classes still enables one to catch up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. December dates are 3, 10 and 17. There are no dancing sessions on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. January 2019 dates are 7, 14, 21 and 28. The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers.

Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if one has not previously attended. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1 p.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2:30 p.m. Citizenship class

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime and playtime

Bracewell hours this week are: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Nov. 29, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Microsoft Word Basics. Learn how to format text, edit documents, and use the various menus in Microsoft Word. Each class in November covers new skills, but it is not necessary to begin with the first session. Registration is requested.

Friday, Nov. 30, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Anime club. "Megalobox" (rated TV-14, for ages 12 and older). Celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Tomorrow's Joe." TMS Entertainment put together a masterpiece of a series with "Megalobox." Meet in the library community room at the Parker Williams Branch Library for the showing. For more information, call 832-927-7870.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Essential Oils. Meet at the library to learn about a safer and more holistic form of health care. Essential oils are natural solutions that are free from side effects, and provide a multitude of simultaneous benefits, including emotional and hormonal balance and improved focus and concentration. They also aid in proper digestion, immune system support, quality of sleep, energy level, detoxification of the body, muscles and joints health, as well as promote beauty and weight loss. For more information, call the library at 832-927-7870.

Monday, Dec. 3, 2 - 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Dec. 3, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hepl.net/sites/default/files/feb-MTG-1.jpg>.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 5 p.m. Book Buddies (ages 6 to 10). Book Buddies is a youth literacy program from the Harris County Public Library. The program is designed for children from kindergarten to third-grade in the library community room through Dec. 4.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies 0 to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplay, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 - 3 p.m. Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all events, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Deaths

Carolyn J. McDuffie Smith



Carolyn J. McDuffie Smith, 81, was born Oct. 26, 1937, in Garrison, Texas, to parents Tommy Eugene McDuffie and Verlyne M. Harris McDuffie.

Carolyn died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018. She is predeceased by her husband of 47 years Ray F. Smith; and her maternal grandparents who raised her, Oscar and Alma Harris.

She is survived by her son Sam Smith and his wife Consuelo; daughters Ellen Murphy and Robin Lott; grandchildren Adam, Josh and David Lott, and Michael and Jeremy Smith; and great-granddaughter Haley Smith; and numerous cousins and friends.

Carolyn attended grade school in Garrison and graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in Houston where she was a member of the Scottish Brigade. She worked at her mother's hair and dress shop and was a flight attendant for Trans Texas Airways until she went to Abilene Christian College to major in psychology.

She was a member of Wayside and Sherman Church of Christ where she eventually met Ray. They were married on Nov. 28, 1957. The couple set up their home in Houston and worked most of their lives with Wallace Realtors, the family owned business of Joe and Verlyne Wallace. Carolyn was very active in the church as a Bible teacher, VBS and Camp Bandina. She was a girl scout leader, PTA president, a Texas Republican women's delegate and a travel agent.

Carolyn loved sending cards to her family and friends, remembering birthdays and special occasions. Sometimes she'd even send a card to say she was thinking of someone just to brighten their day. She was a devout Christian and very proud of her faith. She would be the first to tell anyone that her faith and prayer is what gave her great comfort and strength when she needed it most. She knew God was in control and eagerly followed his teachings. Anyone that knew Carolyn would say she was the sweetest, most caring, giving and positive person. Even when she had struggles in life one would never hear her complain.

As a mother and grandmother, known by her grandchildren as "CC," she tended to their needs of happiness and love for which she lived. Her family was the most important thing in her life. She loved spending time with her three children and with her grandchildren. They always brought a huge smile to her face and joy to her life. She loved them all so much.

Toward the latter part of her life, she and her family conducted a church service for the staff and residents of Park Manor Nursing Home, whom they dearly loved.

The family is appreciative of all those who touched Carolyn's life in such a special way.

A visitation, celebration of

life and a light reception were held in her honor on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Heart at 1111 St. Joseph Parkway. A reception followed at the Cathedral Center at 1701 San Jacinto at Jefferson.

Barbara Cowart

Barbara Cowart, 79, died in the early hours of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, 2018.

She was born Barbara Jean Chirafis in Beaumont on Jan. 30, 1939, to John and Nena Chirafis. She graduated from St. Anthony Catholic High School and furthered her education by attending Lamar College. While a student there, she met the love of her life, Noel Cowart, whom she married on Dec. 27, 1959. Noel and Barbara had the kind of marriage most people could only hope for, and the couple served as a model of true love and devotion.

Noel and Barbara and their children spent the majority of their lives together in Houston. Barbara had many careers in her lifetime, and her favorite was as a stay-at-home mother for her children Barbara, Lesa and Chris.

Barbara was very involved at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, serving as director of both religious education and liturgy, as well as helping with numerous committees within the parish. Many knew her to be a truly remarkable woman.

Once her children reached college age, she re-entered the workforce, first as a reporter for the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, then as a Realtor. Her final career was as a nursing home coordinator for Harris County. At the county, she was able to bring all her energy and creativity to developing programs for senior citizens and nursing home residents in Precinct 2. In those years, she organized activities which included Senior Olympics and the annual Ms. Golden Years Beauty Pageant, always striving to brighten the lives of both the residents and their caregivers.

After retiring in 2007, Barbara lent her creativity and talents to two of her favorite organizations, the Charity Guild of Catholic Women and City Art Works.

Barbara and Noel had a beautiful and adventurous marriage. Together, they threw fabulous parties, took wonderful trips and enjoyed a rich family life. Paris was their favorite destination, but they were just as happy to spend a week at Crystal Beach.

When they were not traveling, they enjoyed the lively arts scene in Houston and regularly attended productions at the Alley, Stages and 4th Wall Theaters, the Houston Grand Opera and the Hobby Center. They also loved attending their children's concerts and performances.

Barbara was dearly loved by her family and friends, who will miss the energy and excitement of being in her presence. She is survived by her husband of 59 years; her children and their spouses Barbara and Bobby Knight, Lesa and Bryan McLeod and Chris and Julie Cowart; grandchildren Connor, Caleb, Danna, Drew and Ivy Knight, Holly McLeod, and Bailee and Mitchell Cowart. She also leaves behind her siblings Mary Kirkwood, Denise Nobles, John Chirafis and Nena Diener; their spouses and families; a host of cousins; and a multitude of friends.

A memorial Mass was celebrated and a celebration of a well-lived life was held on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred

Ana Cortés



Ana Cortés, 87, was born on July 26, 1931, in Guanica, Puerto Rico. She was the youngest of 14 siblings, born to Buenaventura Irizarry and Rosa Bracero. Her father died when she was only 10 months old. Ana died Nov. 21, 2018.

Ana was married to Juan Aurelio Cortés-Colon for 61 years until he died Sept. 18, 2016. They lived in the Sagemont area for 42 years, the longest she had lived anywhere. As a military spouse, she moved countless times in Juan's 22 years in the U.S. Army and "held down the fort" while he was away on multiple tours of duty to Korea and Vietnam. As a military spouse she was involved in the NCO Wives Club and even modeled in a few benefit fashion shows.

She was very strong-willed, determined and feisty to her final days. She never met a stranger and was generous to many. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren always left Abuelita's home with treats or gifts. She was the consummate hostess, and if anyone visited her, she would cook and feed her visitor to his heart's content. She was an excellent cook and will be remembered for her wonderful Puerto Rican food - especially pernil, arroz con gandules, empanadas and pasteles. She began her love of cooking as a young girl in her childhood home in Guanica, where she frequently would take food from her mother's kitchen and cook over an open fire behind a shed, much to her mother's chagrin.

She was a resilient, smart and resourceful woman as demonstrated by the time she sewed up a chicken with a needle and thread after a dog had torn a 4-inch gash in it. Amazingly, the chicken survived. She also was a strong, vivacious and happy person, "muy alegre." She loved music, dancing and getting dressed up and always put her best foot forward. Ana always lived her life boldly and on her own terms. Her surviving sibling Generosa Padrón lives in Florida. In addition to her four children, she had 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family in Texas, Puerto Rico and all over, who loved her and will miss her dearly.

The family will receive friends from 3 until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, with a recitation of the rosary and vigil starting at 3 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 3, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Houston National Cemetery at 1 p.m.

Early voting currently underway

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ued her education at the University of Houston, where she graduated with a double major in psychology and human development and family studies. She has served as an ordained elder at Gulf Meadows Church for more than 20 years and is also part of the Kipp Charter School Parent Teachers Association.

(See a candidate questionnaire in next week's *Leader*.)

Should either Alvarado

or Hernandez win the Senate District 6 race, a second special election will need to be held to fill their vacancy in the House.

Garcia will replace outgoing U.S. Rep. Gene Green, who recently resigned after serving for more than two decades in Congress.

The closest early voting location for South Belt residents is the Harris County annex at 10851 Scarsdale and Beamer.

Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Nov. 30; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 1; 1 to 6 p.m. on Dec. 2; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 3 through Dec. 7.

For more information, a sample ballot or a complete listing of polling locations, visit harrisvotes.org. Residents may also visit the website to determine if they are eligible to vote in the election or review the list of acceptable forms of identification needed to cast their ballots.

Dobie9 announces dedication ceremony

The Dobie Ninth Grade campus will hold its dedication ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 6. The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a reception with cupcakes and punch when guests can tour the building and see highlighted points of interest throughout the campus. Dobie9 opened its doors to students for the first time at the start of the spring 2018 semester. The start of the 2018-2019 year was an historic one as Dobie High School kicked off the year with freshman at a separate campus for the first time ever. The community is invited to attend and the Dobie9 administration looks forward to showcasing the state-of-the-art campus built to serve Dobie freshmen.

Dynamic Women Christmas luncheon set

The Christmas luncheon for Dynamic Women will be held Thursday, Dec. 6, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All area women are invited to enjoy a fabulous lunch, make new friends, shop with local vendors and enjoy an inspirational story from the guest speaker. This month's speaker will be retired real estate broker Helen Montgomery, who will share her story "Getting off a Roller Coaster Life Without a Crash."

Doors will open at 10 a.m. when guests can do some Christmas shopping and networking with exciting area vendors who feature home décor, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty and business and professional services. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the event ends at 1 p.m. Guests can register for free door prizes when they sign in. The cost of the luncheon is \$16 which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch.

The Dynamic Women group seeks to connect women through networking and friendship, help women grow their businesses, and provide a service to the community.

For reservations, email Sandee Ellis at sandeeellis@comcast.net, or call 713-477-6496.

Apollo Chamber Players perform at Parker Williams

Apollo Chamber Players, a celebrated ensemble based in Houston, will visit Parker Williams Branch Library on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. to perform holiday music from England, Germany, France, Turkey, Nigeria, Korea, Mexico and Jewish faith traditions.

Apollo Chamber Players explores the cultural and folkloric influences in classical music through concerts locally as well as nationally and internationally.

Since its founding in 2008, the ensemble has played sold-out concerts in Carnegie Hall and numerous other venues. It regularly appears on American Public Media's Performance Today, and last year the ensemble was the first to record and perform in Cuba since international relations were restored.

The upcoming library event, one of a series at the branch to help the Parker Williams Branch Library celebrate its 25th anniversary, features premiere arrangements of folk-inspired holiday music from around the world, by composers representing Houston's multiculturalism.

Apollo's third album "Ancestral Voices" was released last year.

Parker Williams Branch Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., at Beamer Road. This performance is free and open to everyone.

For more information, call the library at 832-927-7870.



Apollo Chamber Players will perform at Parker Williams Library on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Shown are the members of Apollo Chamber Players, left to right, Anabel

Ramirez, violinist; Matthew J. Detrick, violinist; Matthew Dudzik, cellist; and Whitney Bullock, violist.

Photo submitted

Carrillo receives promotion to vice president, chief nursing officer for Memorial Hermann

Kyle Price, senior vice president and CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast and Memorial Hermann Pearland, announces the promotion of Mary Carrillo, RN, MSN, MBA, CVRN, FABC,

to the position of vice president and the chief nursing officer for Southeast and Pearland Hospitals.

With more than 20 years of combined leadership experience within the Memori-

al Hermann Health System, Carrillo has most recently served as the associate chief nursing officer for Southeast and Pearland sites.

In this capacity, Carrillo developed and provided strategic administrative oversight and direction for the Level IV Trauma pathway at Pearland and was a key leader in the buildout of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit and implementation of the successful open heart program at Southeast.

A highly motivated and patient-centered leader, Carrillo has successfully managed

multiple areas with a strong commitment to quality and improving patient outcomes.

Prior to her administrative role, she served as nursing director of critical services at Southeast where she initiated the Registered Respiratory Therapist program and ICU Swoop Process as well as facilitated and implemented an additional 22 Intermediate Care Unit overflow beds.

Currently serving as a board member and the campaign chair of the Texas Nurses Association, District 9, Carrillo is committed to the continued education and

professional advancement of nursing, including supporting and providing strategic direction in the journey to pursue Magnet designation, considered the gold standard for health care organizations.

Carrillo holds a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock.

Carrillo is certified as a cardiovascular registered nurse and fellow of the Advisory Board Company.



Mary Carrillo

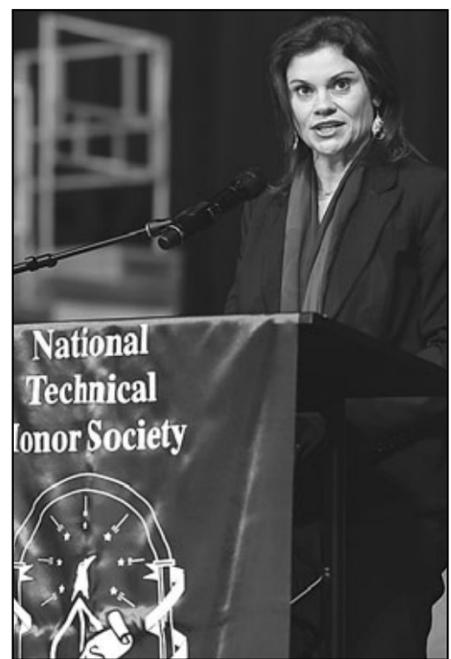
NTHS recognizes CCISD students

The 2018 National Technical Honor Society Induction for the Clear Creek Independent School District recognized 476 students representing Clear Brook High School, Clear Creek High School, Clear Falls High School, Clear Lake High School, Clear Springs High School and Clear View High School.

NTHS is an organization that allows top career and technical education students to be recognized for their success in their various career fields, such as health care and medical science, business and marketing, hospitality, engineering, logistics, metal man-

ufacturing and more. "NTHS students embody all the attributes and talent which is in demand today," said CTE Director Dana Morgan. "These students also embrace a clear vision for tomorrow's workforce and their role in it."

Clear Creek ISD's CTE program reinforces state and national academic standards by providing students training in career areas of interest to them. The goal is to ensure that students are prepared to succeed in post-secondary education and in a world that is increasingly oriented toward highly skilled jobs.



At the 2018 National Technical Honor Society induction for the Clear Creek Independent School District, Dana Morgan, district career and technical education director, welcomed friends and family to the ceremony. Photo submitted

Pasadena Independent School District chess tournament names top finishers

On Saturday, Nov. 10, Pasadena Independent School District held its ninth annual Fall Chess Tournament at Beverly Hills Intermediate. In total, 220 students participated and 35 campuses were represented including five high schools, eight intermediate schools, nine middle schools, and 13 elementary schools. Of all the schools that participated, 31 were from Pasadena Independent

School District, three were from Deer Park Independent School District and one was from a private school. In all divisions, each student played five games, receiving one point for each win and a half-point for each draw. The pictured students were named as top finishers in the tournament.

Photos submitted



Shown above, left, are the grade 3 top finishers, left to right, Jessie Garza, Genoa Elementary; Manuel Mendoza, Parks Elementary; Bella Sherwood, Frazier Elementary; Idunu Barua-Etti, South Belt Elementary; and Carlos Vega, Genoa Elementary. Vega placed first, Barua-Etti placed second, Sherwood placed third, Mandoza placed fourth and Garza placed fifth.



Above, the grade 4 top finishers are, left to right, Cullen Ponder, Frazier Elementary; Juan Martinez, Laura Bush Elementary; Nelson Torrez, Young Elementary; David Garcia, Genoa Elementary; and Daniel Arevalo, Genoa Elementary. Arevalo placed first, Garcia placed second, Torrez placed third, Martinez placed fourth and Ponder placed fifth.



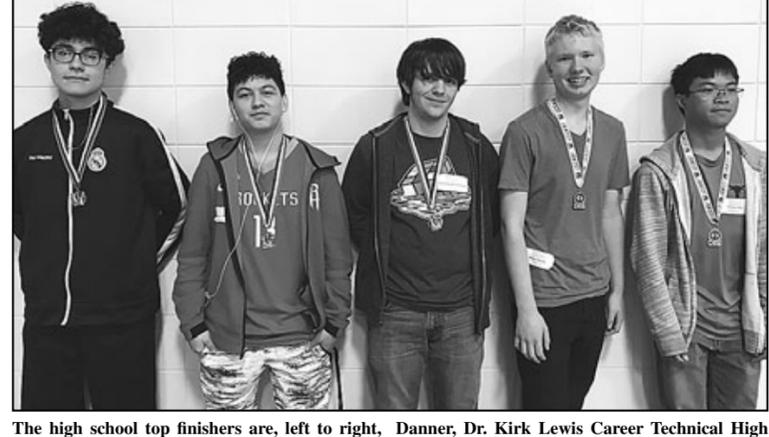
The grade 5 top finishers are, left to right, Victoria Chioreanu, Fred Roberts Middle School; Anderson Aguilar, Melillo Middle School; Richard Le, Morris Middle School; Quoc Bao-Ngo, Melillo Middle School; and Juan Vega, Fred Roberts Middle School. Vega placed first, Ngo placed second, Le placed third, Aguilar placed fourth and Chioreanu placed fifth.



The top finishers for grade 6 are, left to right, Maximiliano Santiago, Deepwater Junior High; Codi Hernandez, Morris Middle School; Jericho Urbano, Our Lady of Fatima; Jack Martinez, Deer Park Junior High; and Jimmy Bui, Morris Middle School. Bui placed first, Urbano placed second, Mottu placed third, Hernandez placed fourth and Santiago placed fifth.



The intermediate top finishers are, left to right, Christina Houston, South Houston Intermediate; Alejandro Lopez, Beverly Hills Intermediate; Oscar Garza, Beverly Hills Intermediate; Xavier Valerio, Thompson Intermediate; and Dylan Campos, Thompson Intermediate. Houston placed first, Lopez placed second, Garza placed third, Campos placed fourth and Valerio placed fifth.



The high school top finishers are, left to right, Rodrigo Berlanga, Sam Rayburn High School; Lazaro Mottu, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career Technical High School; Matthew Montemayor, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career Technical High School; Blake Danner, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career Technical High School; and Timmy Phan, Dobie High School. Berlanga placed first, Mottu placed second, Montemayor placed third, Danner placed fourth and Phan placed fifth.

Stuchbery receives school program support



Stuchbery Elementary students and staff expressed appreciation to the employees and management of Peter Piper Pizza for supporting school programs. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Lexi Walker, StuCo historian; Jeremiah Turner, StuCo co-president; Jazalynn Randall, StuCo co-president; Ariel Ortiz, StuCo secretary; (second row) Barbara McKinney, Peter Piper Pizza representative; Rocky, Peter Piper Pizza mascot; and Jose Hernandez, Stuchbery principal.

Photo by Kristin Wallis

Lariaette of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Nov. 12 through Nov. 16 is junior Jolany Chevez. She is the daughter of Rosa Febus and was chosen for her hard work and positive attitude.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

CRYSTAL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Crystal Saucedo** Dec. 4 from friends and the *South Belt Leader* staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRANCES!
Frances Valigura celebrates a birthday Dec. 5. Best wishes are sent from husband Carl, children David and wife **Katha Valigura**, **Donna** and husband **Gary Whitted**, **Deborah Lea Tindall**, **Carl Wayne** and wife **LuAnn Valigura**. Their 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren **Riley** and **Kinley Whitted**, **Bryce Williams**, **Lanse Rogers** and **Addy Huston**, along with two still "in the oven," wish their beloved **MeMaw** the happiest of all birthdays with many more to come.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 29 through Dec. 5.

Burnett Elementary
Robert Hughes celebrates a birthday Dec. 5.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Dec. 2 to **Alfonso Guajardo**. **Pam Williams** enjoys a birthday Dec. 2.

Genoa Elementary
Sing a birthday song Nov. 30 to **Christine Olvera**. Send a happy birthday greeting Dec. 1 to **Nohemi Yniguez**.

Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Kelly Terwilliger** is Nov. 29.

Moore Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake Nov. 30 with **Silvia Luna**. Blow out the birthday candles Dec. 1 for **Rita Reyes**.

Melillo Middle School
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 2 are sent to **Jamie Torres**.

Roberts Middle School
Jorly Thomas enjoys a birthday Dec. 5.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a party for **David Hastings** is Nov. 29. **Tracy King** celebrates a birthday Dec. 5.

Thompson Intermediate
Cheers for a happy birthday are sent Nov. 29 to **Amanda Carroll**. Send a happy birthday wish Dec. 1 to **Natasha Butler**. **Maria Pena** enjoys a birthday Dec. 2. The day for a party for **Sally Thacker** is Dec. 3.

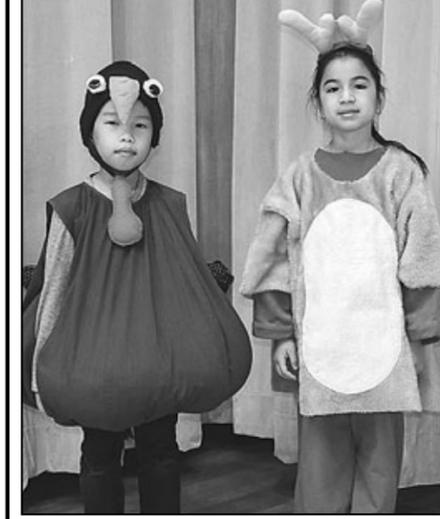
Dobie High
A special birthday is celebrated Dec. 1 by

Lawson Hartwick and **Sonja Mull**. Blow out the candles Dec. 4 on a birthday cake for **Megan Lambert**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week:
Thursday, Nov. 29: **Rebecca Carter**, **Amy Smith**, **Sheila Higgins**, **Lawanda Dyson-Lendsey** and **Hanh Do**; Friday, Nov. 30: **Laurie Pena**, **Chandra Storey**, **Sonia Martinez**, **Angela Kennedy**, **Kelli Lord**, **Kelly Allison**, **Patricia Shults**, **Keleigh Stacey** and **Marisol Phillips**; Saturday, Dec. 1: **Jessica Bowlin**, **Miles West**, **Damon Griffin**, **Kim Middleton** and **Melissa Ray**; Dec. 2: **Lenae Fowler** and **Aaron Herridge**; Monday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee**, **Kyle Smith**, **Timothy Hardcastle** and **Allison Bobby**; Tuesday, Dec. 4: **Nick Barnett**, **Nick Medina**, **David Miles**, **Mary Elliott** and **George Mejica**; and Wednesday, Dec. 5: **Shawn Sims**, **Angela Domokos**, **Mandi Gulledge**, **Angelita Negrete**, **Anna Cavazos-Cantu**, **Suzanne Pollock** and **Craig Williams**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email announcements to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Moore Elementary celebrates Thanksgiving



Moore Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving before taking a week-long break for the holiday. Shown above dressed for the occasion are **Quy Tran** (left) and **Kimberly Tovar**. Above right, wearing Native and early American costumes, students ready to join the celebration are, left to right, **Jakaya Amos**, **Chloe Revils**, **Kaylee Salas**, **Sophia Chacon** and **Xara Oddo**. Also dressed in period attire shown below are, left to right, (first row) **Sophia Chacon**; **Abigail Orozco**; **Jacob Martinez**; **Nhi Ly**; **Aubrey Miles**; **Lyann Tran**; **Jayleen Trejo**; **Justin Ward**; **Ryan Tran**; (second row) **Cherly Ivans**, first-grade teacher; **Ayden Triplett**; **Jayleen Lam**; **Quy Tran**; **Issack Lira**; **Ruben Puente**; **Kyrese Luckey**; **Emiliano Solis**; **Jayden Tran**; **Alan Figueroa**; and **Sheryl Munn**, Moore music teacher.



Photos by *Guadalupe Hudson*

CCISD college, career fair launches futures

Thousands of Clear Creek Independent School District students are one step closer to a clearer future.

Clear Creek ISD's 2018 College and Career Fair, held at the CCISD Education Village on Nov. 14, brought together the experts, resources and even ideas needed for a student seeking knowledge and guidance on their post-secondary plan.

"Our annual College and Career Night is such an important event because it represents our commitment to ensuring that each student in CCISD has a personalized and viable postsecondary plan," said **Natalie Uranga**, CCISD director of guidance and counseling. "And even though you can find a wealth of information online, our families still want the opportunity to speak with a knowledgeable representative face-to-face."

The fair not only draws in hundreds of college, university and military institutions, but features exhibits staffed with experts representing a wide variety of career fields. From neonatal nurse practitioner to firefighter, representatives in these fields counsel students on the education path required for that career choice, estimated salaries and even provide direct contact information for follow-up. CCISD Career and Technical Education instructors are also on hand to promote programs available to high school students looking to explore these fields before college.

"This event was beyond my expectations," said **Karen Maciel**, parent of a Clear Springs High School senior. "It's not just about four-year colleges anymore. It opened our eyes to on-the-job training, grants, scholarships, internships, job descriptions, and careers we didn't even know existed," said **Maciel**.

Some students jump on the post-secondary bandwagon, or bus, as early as eighth grade. **Lonnie Leal**, Clear Lake Intermediate principal, began a special tradition when he was principal at Space Center Intermediate. **Leal** leads a group pilgrimage, via school bus, to the CCISD College and Career Fair. He brought that tradition with him to the Eagles and many eighth-graders take advantage of the group opportunity to get on the bus to plan early.

Clear Springs High School junior, **Mackenzie Harden**, knows she wants a digital arts degree.

"The fair was definitely helpful to me because I could explore which colleges have programs toward my specific degree," **Harden** said.

"We are very grateful for the collaborative efforts of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and CCISD's Career and Technical Education department who help make this event happen every year," **Uranga** said.

Holiday Christmas dance set

The Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Road 1, is hosting a Holiday Christmas ballroom dance on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Come and sway to the sweet sounds of DJ **Pete Hoth**. Refreshments will be served, but no alcohol. There will be door prizes, and the dress code is holiday festive. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 281-326-2955.

Pasadena gears up for parade

The City of Pasadena, in partnership with the Pasadena Strawberry Festival, will host the annual **Holiday Lighted Parade**. The parade will take place on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. on Fairmont Parkway, between **Pansy** and **Watters**. More than 50 entries, ranging from traditional floats to marching bands, will be decorated with hundreds of thousands of shimmering lights as they take the parade route along one of the city's most popular retail corridors. Parade entries are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.strawberryfest.org.

TxDOT hearing set

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tion at the TxDOT area offices located at 702 FM 1959 and 5407 Gulf Freeway in La Marque. The materials are also located online at <http://www.txdot.gov/investments/about/hearings-meetings.html> and will be available for inspection at the public hearing.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are encouraged. Comments may be submitted in writing either at the public hearing or via U.S. mail to TxDOT District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251.

Comments can also be submitted electronically at <http://www.txdot.gov/investments/about/hearings-meetings.html> or Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov.

Comments must be submitted or postmarked within 15 days of the public hearing, Dec. 21, to be included as part of the official public record.

For additional information, contact **Brett McLeod**, P.E., with TxDOT Houston District Office by telephone at 713-802-5021 or email brett.mcleod@txdot.gov.

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
A controversial "club" scheduled for the Reatta Shopping Center located at the corner of Hughes and Beamer Road was no longer scheduled for construction.

County Commissioner **Tom Bass** of Precinct 1 announced several projects for the area. One that was a major concern to local residents was the building of a bridge connecting **Beamer Road** and **Scarsdale Boulevard**.

35 years ago (2003)
Julianna's Hair Salon, located at **Beamer** and **Scarsdale**, was robbed by a man carrying a small gun. The robber stole all the money from the register and cash from six employees and five customers.

Beverly Hills students **Earl Reddell**, **Karen Snelling**, **Kathy Lee**, **Robin Ogen**, **Liz Comstock** and **Rachelle Fruge** were selected to the All Region Choir.

30 years ago (1988)
Although Clear Creek ISD board of trustees assured parents whose children attended **Weber Elementary** the school was free of toxic pollutants, the board asked the administration to research further on-site testing.

Furthering the economic development of the South Belt area, **Grumann Corp.** disclosed plans for its expansion at **Ellington Field** announcing the construction of an 80,000-square-foot office building.

25 years ago (1993)
Joe Roach, a 32-year-old

attorney, unseated longtime District E Councilman **Frank Mancuso**, 75, in a landslide victory in the runoff election.

A rash of local invasions of **Asians'** homes prompted local law enforcement officials to urge residents to call a local emergency number before calling 911 in the event of a home invasion.

Five 11th-hour candidates filed for the Pasadena school board, bringing the total number of candidates for two positions to 11.

20 years ago (1998)
The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 36th anniversary with a banquet and Christmas party. Originally called the **Sagement Volunteer Fire Department**, the group changed its name in 1974 when the City of Houston annexed the **Sagement** subdivision. The department became responsible for covering the local communities in **Harris County** that remained unincorporated. This included the municipal utility districts of **Kirkmont**, **Sage Meadow** and **Clear Brook City**. The area covered was approximately five square miles in size and had roughly 25,000 residents.

On Thanksgiving afternoon, a fire gutted a house in the 11000 block of **Olive** in the **Highland Meadow** subdivision. No one was home at the time of the fire, and it was only reported when flames and heavy smoke became visible to the neighbors. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the fire, but the contents of the house suffered extreme fire, heat and smoke damage. Units from **Forest Bend** Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the

Pearland Fire Department assisted in extinguishing the fire and the overhaul. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined by the **Harris County Fire Marshal's** office.

5 years ago (2013)
San Jacinto College celebrated the opening of its new science and allied health building at the South campus. The 155,000-square-foot, three-story building was part of a 2008 bond referendum that provided \$295 million toward new facilities and renovations at all three **San Jacinto College** campuses.

1 year ago (2017)
The Pasadena Independent School District named **John Sweitzer** its 2017 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. The Founding CEO of the Pasadena Health Center and a longtime supporter of Pasadena ISD, Sweitzer first aligned with the school district in 2014 when he joined the Pasadena ISD School Health Advisory Council, where he learned about the need for CPR training among students. In response, Sweitzer donated CPR mannequins to each high school and organized the first mass CPR training for freshmen at Pasadena High — an effort that he continues to support each year. The donation was made in honor of Sweitzer's sister, **Cindy**, who passed away at age 49 from a heart attack. For nearly three decades, Sweitzer's name has been synonymous with humanitarian and volunteer

Bay Area Chorus offers holiday cheer

Begin the holiday season with two concerts by the Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the first concert will be held in the Chapel of the Villa de Matel, 6519 Lawndale, with the Bay Area Youth Singers as guest choir. The second concert will be on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the sanctuary of the Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, 1511 El Dorado, with the Chancel and Handbell choirs of C. L. Presbyterian performing as guests. Both concerts are at 4 p.m. with seating beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The concerts will be hosted by the Bay Area Chorus with musical offerings under the direction of **Milton Pullen**, artistic director. The chorus will be singing selections by **Handel**, **Mendelssohn**, **Durufle**, **Wilberg** and **Forrest** and some well-known Christmas songs. The guest choirs will join the BAC to lead the audience in singing arranged carols from **Wilberg**, **Martin**, **Courtney** and **Hayes**.

The guest choirs will each sing a short program of Christmas music they have prepared. BAYS will have offerings from their Youth Singers, **Bel Canto**, Children's choir and special ensembles in the Dec. 1, concert under the direction of **Brenda Varvoutis**, artistic director.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, the Chancel Choir and Handbells from Clear Lake Presbyterian Church will honor the audience with special Christmas music. Both guest choirs will join the Bay Area Chorus for familiar carols along with the audience. Gather the family and join these choirs for beautiful holiday music at the start of the Christmas season.

Tickets can be purchased for adults for \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; seniors for \$10; and students for \$5. Tickets are available from the BAC website at www.bayareachorus.org, individual choral singers and at the door at both locations.

Judaism discussions available

Congregation **Shaar Hashalom's** own Rabbi **Stuart Federow** is hosting free, open to the public, weekly discussions. The sessions are held every second Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at **SAWA Mediterranean Restaurant and Grill**, located at 16608 El Camino Real.

Anyone can join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present. All topics are welcome. Congregation **Shaar Hashalom** is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Veteran students receive scholarships from SJC

Eight veteran students received \$500 scholarships from the San Jacinto College Foundation during the college's Veterans Day celebrations. Each year the foundation awards two veteran students with scholarships at each of the college's campuses.

legue veteran student scholarship recipients are:
 • Central campus: Brandi Garza, U.S. Marine Corps; and Joseph Delora, U.S. Army.
 • Maritime campus: Anthony Arrona, U.S. Navy; and Alexander Lawrence, U.S. Marine Corps.
 • North campus: Irvin

Fuller, U.S. Army; and Casey Quarles, U.S. Marine Corps.
 • South campus: Monique Stigler, U.S. Navy; and Erin Young, U.S. Air Force.
 Recently, the college was also named to the *Military Times* "2019 Best for Vets" list of military-friendly colleges and universities across

the U.S. The rankings are based on the results of *Military Times*' annual survey – the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and rates of academic achievement – as well as a detailed review of public data collected by federal

agencies.
 This year's survey included about 500 colleges and universities with 208 institutions being named to the 2019 list.
 For more information about veteran student services at San Jacinto College, visit sanjacinto.edu/veterans.



Eight veteran students received scholarships from the San Jacinto College Foundation during San Jacinto College's Veterans Day celebrations. Shown are, left to right, Eugene Bernard, San Jacinto College veteran services manager; Brandi Garza, U.S. Marine Corps; Tammy McAdams, San Jacinto College Foundation advancement coordinator; and Van A. Wigginton, J.D., San Jacinto College Central campus provost. Not pictured is Joseph Delora, U.S. Army.



Each year, the foundation awards two veteran students with scholarships at each San Jac College campus. Shown are Irvin Fuller (left), U.S. Army; and Casey Quarles, U.S. Marine Corps.



Shown are, left to right, Ruth Keenan, San Jacinto College Foundation executive director of advancement; Anthony Arrona, U.S. Navy; Alexander Lawrence, U.S. Marine Corps; and John Stauffer, San Jacinto College associate vice chancellor or maritime.



Shown are Julie Broker (left), San Jacinto College Foundation manager; and Monique Stigler, U.S. Navy. Not pictured is Erin Young, U.S. Air Force.

Beverly Hills students donate food



Students at Beverly Hills Intermediate wanted to help the needy in the community this holiday season. They decided to collect canned goods and nonperishable items to give to the Leader for the Christmas drive. Shown are,

left to right, Jordan Coscarelli, Adrianna Mejia, Zuzet Tovar, Samantha Ruiz, Sury Alvarado, Melani Montero Hernandez, Angel Leon, Baleria Gallegos, Bery Mejia and Luis Garcia. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Adult classes for reading Bible in original language

For anyone who wants to read the Bible in its original language and be able to read Hebrew prayers in Hebrew, here is the opportunity to get acquainted with this ancient language in a relaxed and fun environment.

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The cost of each class is \$10 for congregation member and \$15 for nonmember. The cost includes text/workbooks, handouts and many extras. To register, email Greenspan at pgreen@shaarhouston@aol.com no later than Friday, Dec. 14. The deadline for registration is firm, as materials need to be purchased in time for the first class.

The entire community is invited. Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

LOLECF sponsors third annual Hats, Pearls, Gloves Scholarship Luncheon

The Ladies of the Lake Educational and Charitable Foundation (LOLECF) will sponsor its third annual Hats, Pearls and Gloves Scholarship Luncheon and fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Junior League of Houston, located at 1811 Briar Oaks Lane.

LOLECF, the philanthropic arm of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Tau Zeta Omega Chapter, is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, charitable organization founded in Clear Lake in 2001. Since its inception, LOLECF members have awarded thousands

of dollars in scholarships and contributed, both monetarily and through volunteer service project support, to local community charities and need-based organizations throughout the organization's service areas of Clear Lake, Webster, Pearland, Friendswood and Dickinson.

The theme for this year's luncheon, which supports scholarships to benefit deserving high school students, is "Championing Breast Cancer Awareness and Support Through Service and Scholarship." Featured speakers

are Dr. Mediget Teshome, assistant professor of breast surgical oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where she is a clinical breast surgeon with expertise in the surgical and multidisciplinary management of breast cancer; and Dr. Makesha Miggins, assistant professor in the department of breast surgical oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where she is a clinical breast surgeon with expertise in the surgical and multidisciplinary management of breast

cancer and benign disease of the breast.

Through this fundraiser, LOLECF members are committed to both increasing community awareness regarding breast cancer, while also further broadening the scope of students who can realize their dream of a college education and career success. Luncheon tickets may be purchased through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-hats-pearls-and-gloves-scholarship-luncheon-tickets-46898513717?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

Jackie Johnson who is from the Sageglen subdivision.

First-grade feast a success at South Belt Elementary



South Belt Elementary held a first-grade feast on Nov. 14. Students learned about the first Thanksgiving in America as part of a social studies unit, and the students were able to experience what the feast was like. Shown above left, enjoying all the food are, left to right,



Sofia Charles, A.J. Rodriguez, Sydney Landis, London Leal, Anna Wilkerson and Nikolas Padilla. Shown above right are, left to right, Ethan Ramsey, Karina Molina and Nathaniel Molina. Photos by Anh Ton

PLT presents "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play"

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's most established community theater, is excited to present a classic holiday favorite, "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," adapted by Joe Landry.

Based on the Capra holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play" takes place at WBFR Radio Station where five of the best voice actors in 1940's New York City recite the story. With the help

of two Foley artists, the story is brought to life with sound effects. Enjoy the show in the round, the actors will take the audience to a small town called Bedford Falls where the hero of the story is introduced. George Bailey is one of the richest men in all of Bedford Falls but hasn't quite seen that for himself. The audience is taken through George's life up until the moment when he seeks help from a second

class angel named Clarence. Will Clarence be able to help George see that he really does have a "wonderful life?" "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" features director Zack Varela. The talented band of actors includes Scott Feighner, Mark Stanley, Crystal Elise Mata, James West III, Teresa Stranahan, Avry Diaz and Robert Wise. This production opens on the Russel Stage Dec. 7 and continues on weekends through Dec. 23.

Friday and Saturday showtimes are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. On Thursday, Dec. 20, there will be the two-for-\$20 special. Ticket prices are \$18 at the box office and \$15 for advance purchases online for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. This production will be presented in the round. To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.



Pasadena Little Theatre presents "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." Shown above are cast members, from left to right, (front row) Avry Diaz, Crystal Elise Mata, (back row) Teresa Stranahan, Robert Wise, Scott Feighner, Mark Stanley and James West III. This production opens Dec. 7 and continues on weekends through Dec. 23.

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Midterms reviewed

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 as is becoming Democratic? No. It's a red state, but it's a competitive state that simply reflects what is out there. This is not a change that has happened quickly, but once it starts changing, you can't reverse that. It's not about candidates or even about issues."
 Stein ended his presentation with a prediction, "I think the Republicans are going to have to find new candidates. The problem is that more voters are leaving that electorate and being replaced by offspring of children who were born 20, 30, 40 years ago. They do not replace that electorate. That doesn't even include Republicans and Independents who may have swung. Looking at 2020, I would expect to see more retirements. A new census will take place in 2020, and a tight redistricting will follow. I would even argue that it would be better if Texas didn't get three new seats. There are just not enough Republican voters to support 29 (out of potentially 39) congressional seats. It's hard enough to redistrict with 36 and protect important committee chairmen."
 He continued, "It's possible that this was just a bad election, and Republicans are going to recover. Let me say that this may not be the case. The country and the state are becoming more diversified, and the Republican Party is not. Now, that's a challenge. "Am I saying that Tex-

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 • Space tourism.
 "Phase 1 is an important

Martin visits Mitchell



Shown above at the function are Houston City Council Member Dave Martin (left) and South Belt resident and BAHEP President Bob Mitchell. Robert M. Stein, a political scientist from Rice University, recently visited the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership to reflect on the recent 2016 midterm elections. Photo by Marie Flickinger

City OKs \$18.8 million spaceport funding

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 United States will foster and accelerate key aerospace engineering activities, including:

- Component and compos-
- Microsatellite deployment
- Astronaut training and development
- Space tourism.
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first step toward our final vision for the Houston Spaceport," said Houston Aviation Director Mario C. Diaz. "With more than 600 acres of land available for lease at the location, the Houston Spaceport is primed for development and with vital infrastructure in place, momentum for this exciting project continues to build — much like our future partners will with these key assets already in place."

Construction in Phase 1 will eventually include a co-working space located near the Houston Aerospace Support Center, as well as land for several aerospace companies and more. Innovation is at the very heart of aerospace and the core of the Houston Spaceport project. The innovative enterprise is designed to support growth and expansion across a highly diverse range of industry clusters, like drone technology, and foster and accelerate key aerospace engineering activities such as component and composite development and fabrication, and beyond.
 "We are excited to move forward with construction of the infrastructure that we've been planning for," said Arturo Machuca, the General Manager of Ellington Airport and the Houston Spaceport. "This is an important step in the process, putting in place the groundwork for future partners and giving them the infrastructure necessary for developing future ventures."
 The majority of the funding — more than \$13.1 million — will go to preconstruction and design services, and construction phase services. Funding for the project will come from the Houston Airport System Airport Improvement Fund.
 To view a video on the 10th project, visit http://fly2houston.spaceport.com/images/uploads/videos/Houston_Spaceport_Reel-4-9-18.mp4. To learn more about Spaceport, visit <https://www.fly2houston.com/ellington-spaceport>.

Ellington spaceport coming



Houston City Council recently approved nearly \$19 million in funding to begin construction of the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport. The 10th such facility in the country, the planned spaceport will be used for the launching of satellites, astronaut training, zero-gravity experimentation and more. An artistic rendering of Phase 1 shown above will provide primarily for infrastructure, such as streets, water, wastewater and electrical power to attract future development.

Leader holds Thanksgiving, holiday photo contest for tickets

The Leader held a contest on Facebook on Nov. 26, for sets of five tickets for "Dickens on the Strand." Contestants had to submit a Thanksgiving- or holiday-themed photo by email to the Leader. Shown are some of the photos received during the contest.



It's that time of year when many hunt to find the perfect Christmas tree. When the Christmas tree is found, it is a reason to celebrate. Shown above, left to right, Pete, Dominic and Hope Ortiz are excited about finding their perfect family Christmas tree.



Some families like to travel for Thanksgiving and other holidays. Guth and Fleming family members enjoyed a trip to Disney World in Florida. Giving thanks above are, left to right, JonPaul Fleming, Kailyn Fleming, Tyler Guth, Addison Keim, Avery Fleming and Christina Guth. It was the group's first time at Disney.

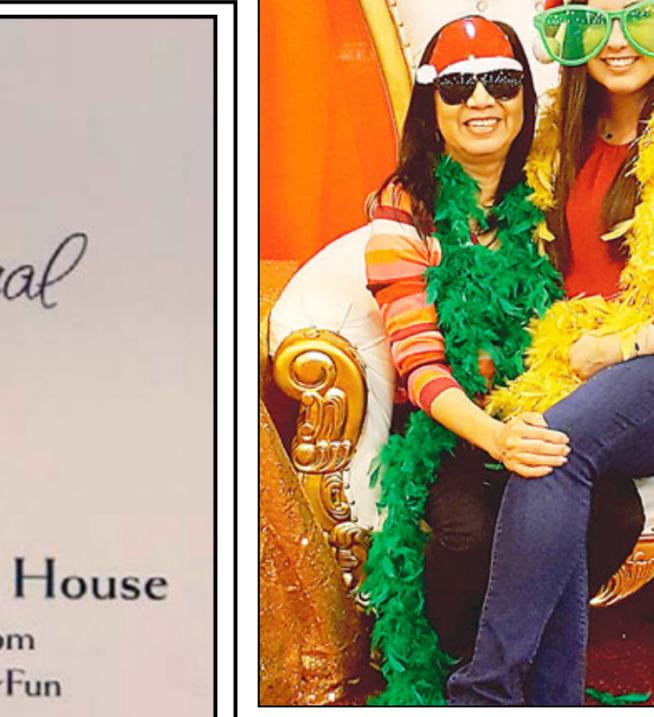


The Poirrier family knows how to dress to pose for their yearly Christmas family photo. This photo was taken on Thanksgiving Day. Shown above are, left to right, Ally Poirrier, Sarah Poirrier, Leah Poirrier, Stephen Poirrier and Sami Poirrier. Sami and Sarah are twins, and Leah and Stephen have been married for 25 years.



The Massicott family is merry and bright this Christmas season. Shown above dressed ready for the holidays are, left to right, Jim, Lauretta, Emily and Amy Massicott. Both Jim and his wife Lauretta graduated from Dobie High School in

1987. Jim and his wife bought the home in which he grew up when they married more than 24 years ago. The Massicott family had been Sagemont residents since 1970; Jim and Lauretta and daughters now reside in Pearland.



Shopping is always fun with family. Shown right are Stella Guzman (left) and her daughter Lezey Guzman at the Nutcracker Market where they celebrated Lezey's birthday.



Shopping in the city can be fun, but sometimes it's nice to just enjoy the great outdoors. Jan Fowler's granddaughter Kinley Lerche-Fowler knows how to relax when she goes out of town. Her dad, Brandon Fowler, took her on a Thanksgiving road trip to visit her grandmother's brother in Robertsdale, Ala. At the property, Kinley picked up a fishing pole, shown above, and ventured to the lake on the property.

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Dobie boys' hoops holds off Wolverines; tourneys next

The Dobie varsity boys' basketball team will head to the Katy ISD Classic Nov. 29 through Dec. 1 as a confident bunch after knocking off Clear Brook 65-57 in a tight contest Nov. 27 at Brook.

The Longhorns improved to 5-3 overall this season as Larry Etienne led four scorers in double figures with 15 points, including a 3 of 5 shooting night from 3-point land. Clear Brook itself entered the game at 5-3 but couldn't quite get back over the hump once Dobie took a lead.

The Wolverines are now headed to the annual Krueger/Carlisle Classic Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. In Dobie's win over Brook, Marquise Scott, the team's leading scorer early on this season, added 13 points, while Shannon Hayes had 12. Jalen Lendsey came up with 10 points in the win.

The Longhorns' Demarcus Carathers continued his strong work around the rim this season, pulling down seven rebounds and blocking a pair of shots. It was certainly enough to get the Longhorns a win in the annual Battle of Beamer series and gave the locals a lift moving forward.

Now it's tournament time for the Longhorns, headed to Katy, with Brook staying closer to home.

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Critical offseason ahead at JFD football

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

As excited and proud of what was accomplished during the 2018 season, everyone within the Dobie football program knows there is more to do.

That much can be seen in living color, what with current District 22-6A foes Atascocita and Summer Creek both competing in the regional semifinals this weekend.

The point? For as big a step as the Dobie program took this season with a 7-4 overall finish, which included a bidistrict playoff berth, the school still has

not tasted a playoff victory since 2004.

That's not the fault of anyone associated with

Dobie football these days, but there is something that can be done about it.

And head coach Kevin Berneathy has already made it clear that work toward the 2019 season begins now.

"The reality is three of the four teams that we lost to this season are still

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At right, while Dobie led the District 22-6A ranks in total rushing by a big margin, an opportunistic passing game also paid dividends. And with Jeremiah Ballard (81) back for 2019 and 2020, the Longhorns know there are more options available on the offensive side of things should they elect to utilize them.

Photo by Jade Wise

Wolverines' Florez is 24-6A FB Iron Man

The Clear Brook varsity football program appears to have this Iron Man award figured out.

M.J. Milton, a freshman football player at Baylor, bagged the District 24-6A Iron Man Award twice in his career, and now the honor, which goes to the league's most versatile performer, belongs to the Wolverines' La'Darrion Florez.

Following the exit of each District 24-6A football team from the postseason, the league's coaches announced the 2018 all-district honors and first and second-team selections.

There were several big-time winners, including Florez, who transferred to Clear Brook from Bay City High School after having been at Bay City High School, where current Clear Brook varsity

football coach Lupe Florez had been before landing the Brook job.

La'Darrion Florez, a University of Tulsa verbal commit, began the 2018 season at receiver and excelled at his natural position before shifting to quarterback for the majority of the District 24-6A season.

Florez played well enough in his dual role to help the Wolverines advance to the postseason before a loss to Strake Jesuit.

While Florez scored the Iron Man Award in the district, the big winner was Clear Springs' tailback Todd Hudson II, who rushed for more than 1,250 yards and 16 touchdowns while leading the Chargers to a third consecutive District 24-6A championship.

Hudson, a three-year standout for the Chargers, was honored as the overall Most Valuable Player.

Speaking of Clear Springs, the Chargers' Craig Dailey garnered Coach of the Year accolades in the league after guiding his team to the top spot.

While Dickinson ultimately finished second in the district standings, the team's players were certainly noteworthy.

Linebacker Landon Roque, a senior tackling machine, was named the District 24-6A Defensive Player of the Year.

Teammate Jalen Wydermyer, the most heavily-recruited tight end in the state, was the 24-6A Offensive Player of the Year after helping the Gators to the second round of the playoffs with touchdown receptions in both postseason games.

Clear Creek sophomore running back Rayfield Conley was the

Newcomer of the Year. See the all-district first- and second-team selections on Page 2B.

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In-person sign-up Dec. 1 SBHLL sets key dates

It's time to begin making plans for the 2019 Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League season, and with that in mind, officials have confirmed several important events and dates coming up soon.

The league will soon post a link to allow for online registration for the 2019 season at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials will also be on-site Saturday, Dec. 1, at El Franco Lee Park for an in-person sign-

up session that will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

Looking ahead to 2019, SBHLL will host in-person registration sessions Saturday, Jan. 5 and Saturday, Jan. 12, both from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Tryouts and late registration will come Saturday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The league has also tentatively set Saturday, March 9 as opening day, which will include the league's annual parade, carnival and

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Already a Dobie great, Pleasants wants to finish solid career

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

The wait is finally over for all parties involved, and there are plenty of smiles to go around.

Roughly three full years after verbally committing to play women's softball at Louisiana State University, Dobie star shortstop Taylor Pleasants made it official, signing her letter of intent Nov. 14 to become a Tiger.

Pleasants will first close out her star-studded athletic career at Dobie next spring, leading the Lady Longhorns on the softball field one last time.

What a great ride it has been to this point for Pleasants.

Looking back at the summer of 2015, there was plenty of excitement building at Dobie centering around the pending arrival of two multi-sport athletes coming from Thompson Intermediate.

There was Kris Morris, who had shown the potential to be the best running

back to arrive at Dobie in years.

And there was Pleasants, who had already gained the reputation as arguably the most gifted female athlete to play at Dobie in decades.

Potential is a shifty word in the world of sports. But both Morris and Pleasants have delivered on their promise and potential.

Morris is currently eyeing collegiate football opportunities following a 1,400+-yard rushing season this year and Pleasants having already won 22-6A Most Valuable Player honors on the volleyball court. Pleasants also earned all-academic team honors in volleyball, and says the classroom truly comes first.

"I think school (work) really provides a balance for me, that and the support I have at home," Pleasants said.

"It's great to be involved with sports year-round, but school is ulti-

mately why we are here. I take as much pride in achievement in the classroom as anything else."

That focus in the classroom has been that much more impressive for Pleasants considering the enormous expectations she faced arriving at Dobie for pre-season volleyball practice in the summer of 2015.

Almost assuredly targeted for a varsity roster spot from the moment she walked through the door, Pleasants indeed was a starter her entire career, ending each season with more kills than in the previous season, leading Dobie in that category each season as well.

As a freshman, Pleasants had nearly 180 kills, drawing the attention of opposing head coaches.

During her sophomore season, Pleasants suffered a lower leg stress injury but still led Dobie with nearly 250 kills despite being the focal point of opposing defensive align-

ments. Pleasants stepped up bigger in 2017, racking up more than 385 kills and earning Offensive Player of the Year honors in District 22-6A.

She then saved her best for last, delivering a Most Valuable Player season in District 22-6A after hammering down more than 460 kills, giving her just over 1,275 for her career.

A competitive-level softball player for much of her life, Pleasants has already delivered on the promise she showed prior to arriving at Dobie.

Gifted with a cannon of an arm from her shortstop spot and possessing a power-hitting, left-handed swing in the batter's box, Pleasants is simply one of the most talented performers at her craft.

In three seasons with the Lady Longhorns, Pleasants has a career batting average of better than .500, including .590 as a junior.

She drove in 45 runs

and smacked six of nine career homers as a junior and has now driven in 114 runs and scored 104 runs in fewer than 100 career games.

While good pitches to hit during her upcoming senior season may be few and far between, Pleasants said she'll be ready.

"I've already heard quite a bit about not getting much to hit this season (in terms of strikes)," Pleasants said. "I've been working on some things to adjust to that."

In fact, Pleasants said she has been hitting batting practice pitches from Dobie two-time state champion and two-time Olympic gold medal-winning pitcher Christa Williams.

Currently the head softball coach at Friendswood High School, Williams is considered a legend in the sport.

It's been a great experience for Pleasants to draw upon the experience of someone once considered the sport's best pitcher.

"I'm just making some adjustments at the plate, getting prepared to hit pitches maybe off the plate a little bit," Pleasants said. "I've always been pitched to carefully in a situations, so it's not that big of a deal."

LSU a surprise winner
Pleasants verbally committed to attend Louisiana State University back in 2015, the fall of her freshman season.

With seemingly such a quick decision coming from one of the nation's top softball recruits, one might think Pleasants had her mind set on Baton Rouge long ago.

That was not the case, she said.

Pleasants had several of the nation's elite programs in mind for sure, yet LSU wasn't one of them.

She visited the campus, mingled with many of the players within the program at that time, met the coaching staff, and fell in love.

"It's a funny story because LSU was not really in my thoughts," Pleasants said.

"But once I visited, I just knew it was the place

for me. The players and the coaches were great.

"I realize many of the players have come and gone, and some things within the program have changed a little bit, but I'm still very excited to become an LSU Tiger. It sure seemed like it took a long time for (signing day) to come.

"Once I get there, of course I want to play as early as possible and help the team get to the World Series.

"I've been thinking about my college career for a long time, and it's getting closer and closer."

Volleyball still in play?
The 22-6A Offensive Player of the Year as a junior and the league's overall Most Valuable Player as a senior, Pleasants is clearly one of the nation's top-dual sport competitors.

While softball is and will remain Pleasants' true passion, she said she is considering walking on at LSU at the start of her sophomore season — the 2020-2021 school year.

There are those who might caution Pleasants against such a move, what with unfortunate injuries always a possibility.

But Pleasants bounced back from a lower leg stress fracture during her sophomore volleyball season at Dobie, played a full softball season that following spring and has subsequently avoided any other injuries since that time.

"I love volleyball, too," she said. "Volleyball and softball are two very different sports. Right now, I'm planning to walk on for my sophomore year. We'll see."

Honors pour in
What a senior year it has already been for Pleasants. She was named the school's homecoming queen, joining Morris, the king nominee.

Pleasants also was invited to attend the 2019 Junior Women's National Team Selection Trials Dec. 28, in Clearwater, Fla., with the invitation coming from USA Softball.

Already the Most Valuable Player Award win-

ner in softball, Pleasants knows she has one special season left at Dobie on the softball field.

"My entire high school experience has been a blessing," said Pleasants, who is currently planning to study kinesiology at LSU but may also consider a mathematics path.

"I owe a lot to my family, all my coaches, my teammates and everybody who has been there for me along the way.

"I'm excited for the new challenge at LSU. I plan to go in there, compete for a starting job and

play as early as I can (as a starter) in my career."

As for this final softball season, Pleasants and her Dobie teammates will face a District 22-6A alignment that may be as tough as ever, what with Atascocita, Kingwood, Memorial and others all battling for four playoff spots.

A season ago, Dobie crushed North Shore 11-0 in the bidistrict playoff round as Pleasants drove in six runs with a grand slam and a two-run double.

Pleasants also sparked Dobie to a 3-0 lead over

Clear Falls in the area playoffs with a solo homer, but Falls rallied for four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to stun Dobie 4-3.

Perhaps Pleasants and Dobie can advance farther this season.

"We definitely want to go past the second round this season and really just go as far as we can," Pleasants said.

"It's going to be fun. We're ready to get started. I've signed with LSU and gotten all of that done, so I'm excited to focus on my senior softball season."



A rewarding senior year began for Taylor Pleasants (left) as she was elected as Dobie's homecoming queen earlier this season. She was also invited to attend the USA Softball Junior Women's National Team tryouts next month. At right, perhaps fittingly, Dobie senior running back Kris Morris was elected as the school's homecoming king as both he and Pleasants arrived at Dobie from Thompson Intermediate prior to the 2015-2016 school year after starring for the Lions in multiple sports.

Photo by Jade Wise



A storied career with the Lady Longhorns' varsity softball program already in hand, senior shortstop Taylor Pleasants will enter her final season in 2019 looking to help the locals push toward a District 22-6A crown.

Photo by John Bechtle

Donations still being accepted toward Barry Harris scholarship

Colleagues and friends of former longtime Dobie High School educator and athletics supporter Barry Harris have announced plans for a memorial scholarship to be named in his honor.

A career educator who also spent time at Pasadena High School as well as classrooms and athletic fields within the state, Harris had been teaching senior class English and assisting with all Pasadena ISD athletic programs at the time of his death in June at the age of 65 after a battle with cancer.

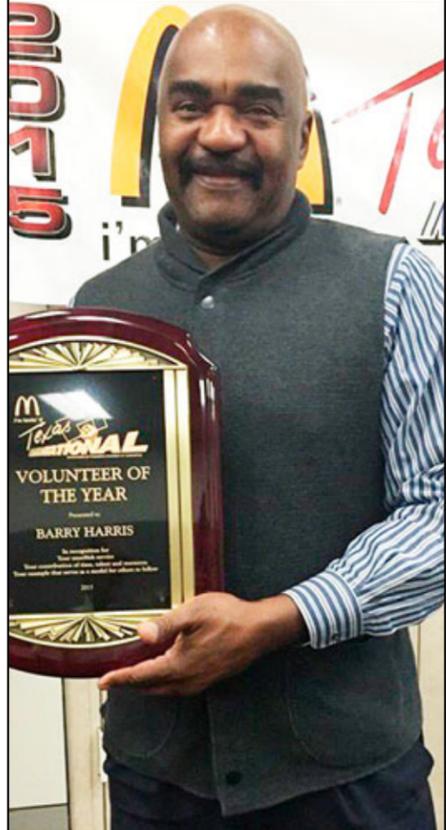
Harris was well-known to Dobie High School and PASD athletes while serving as the lead gymnasium monitor at Dobie, a primary game day administrator at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena during football season and as the game day administrator at the Pasadena ISD softball complex.

The Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a de-

credit card. The school's address is Dobie High School, Barry Harris Scholarship, attention: Shane Brown, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., 77089.

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Details of the scholarship can be found on the Dobie website at jfrankdobie.com. Click on the links tab to find access to the award and application process.



At right, former Dobie faculty member and popular Pasadena ISD athletics supporter Barry Harris earned the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2015 for his work during the McDonald's Texas Invitational. It's his volunteer work and generosity that his colleagues and friends are looking to keep alive in his memory through the Barry Harris Memorial Scholarship Award. Harris, who taught senior class English at Dobie at the time of his death in June, spent the majority of his professional career in education and coaching.

24-6A All-District Varsity Football Selections

- Most Valuable Player**
Todd Hudson, Clear Springs, RB
- Defensive Player of the Year**
Landon Roque, Dickinson, LB
- Offensive Player of the Year**
Jalen Wydermyer, Dickinson, TE

- First Team Offense**
- RB – Dante Proctor, Clear Falls*
 - RB – Christian Marullo, Clear Lake*
 - RB – Jordan Green, Dickinson*
 - RB – Todd Hudson, Clear Springs*
 - FB – Nino Daniel, Clear Springs*
 - TE – Bryce Ryden, Clear Springs*
 - TE – Jalen Wydermyer, Dickinson*
 - QB – Mike Welch, Dickinson*
 - OL – Chris Aldridge, Clear Springs*
 - OL – Ryan Knous, Clear Springs*
 - OL – Torrey Lastice, Dickinson*
 - OL – Armando Alaniz, Dickinson*
 - OL – Emery Gallia, Clear Falls*
 - OL – Jack Nance, Clear Lake*
 - OL – Chad Lindberg, Clear Creek*
 - WR – Loranzo Thompson, Clear Brook*
 - WR – Brandon Woodson, Clear Falls*
 - WR – Isaiah Bibb, Clear Springs*
 - WR – Darryl Harris, Dickinson*
 - K – Evan Mason, Clear Springs*
 - KR – Todd Hudson, Clear Springs*
 - P – Cameron Duncan, Alvin*

Second Team Offense Picks – Brook

- OL – Quinten Effinger*

- Iron Man of the Year**
La'Darrion Florez, Clear Brook, QB-WR
- Coach of the Year**
Craig Dailey, Clear Springs
- Newcomer of the Year**
Rayfield Conley, Clear Creek, RB

- First Team Defense**
- DT – Jordan Britton, Clear Lake*
 - DT – Jason Gold, Clear Springs*
 - DT – Derrick Martin, Dickinson*
 - DE – Jacob Muellner, Clear Springs*
 - DE – J.T. Greer, Dickinson*
 - DE – Jon Norwood, Dickinson*
 - ILB – Lionell Frederick, Clear Springs*
 - ILB – Cameron Reffells, Clear Springs*
 - ILB – Landon Roque, Dickinson*
 - OLB – Colby Mouton, Dickinson*
 - OLB – David Hall, Dickinson*
 - OLB – Jacob White, Clear Springs*
 - CB – Kirk Collins, Clear Springs*
 - CB – Paul Smith, Dickinson*
 - CB – Anthony Wickware, Dickinson*
 - S – Daniel Pomes, Clear Springs*
 - S – D.J. Warnell, Dickinson*
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11:30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
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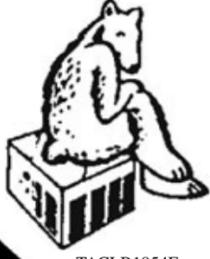
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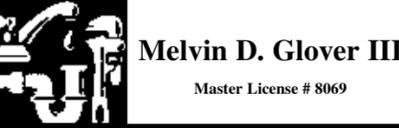
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Expectations high as Dobie begins offseason

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 playing," Berneathy said.

"Each of those teams played more physical than us, had more overall team speed than we did and were just flat out stronger."

"You can look at North Shore and think that they have an other-worldly program. They are great, no doubt. But to avoid going against them in the first round next season, we have to be better."

"Those things about physicality, speed and strength are all things we can control greatly with a solid offseason of work."

"The weight room, conditioning work and things done during the athletic period are all extensions of any team sport. We plan to work hard this off-

son, with the hope that we improve in a lot of areas."

Overall fitness and weight training will be all the rage over the next several months, with little focus on what the 2019 varsity roster or depth chart may look like.

With that said, Berneathy promises each player has the land of opportunity in front of them.

"Guys will get bigger and stronger, and guys will physically mature more over the next several months," Berneathy said.

"There may be a player in the system that we hadn't previously considered for a big role who could emerge. It all starts with hard work and the desire to improve on a daily basis."

Some things for the

2019 season may change but some will remain steady. Based on the University Interscholastic League's 2018-2020 Re-alignment Rank Order, Dobie sits 12th statewide and third in the Houston area in student enrollment at 4,277.

Only North Shore (4,754) and Alief Elsik (4,283) enroll more students than Dobie within the Houston area.

What does that mean? When it comes to the current football playoff lineup, Dobie, if it makes the 2019 postseason, will again be part of the Division I (largest schools per enrollment) bracket. And if Dobie, as it was this season, sits as the second seed in DI from District 22-6A, a repeat matchup with

powerhouse North Shore almost surely awaits.

"It would be nice to avoid North Shore in the first round, and to do that we have to play better against the Atascocitas, the Summer Creeks and Kingwoods that we lost to this season," Berneathy said.

"But I think we showed that we are capable of being right there in the mix with some of the better programs. We also have to take care of the football and execute better in all phases of the game. Those are also focuses of the off-season as we look ahead."

Whether he nets the honor or not, Berneathy should draw heavy consideration for Coach of the Year in District 22-6A after taking over a program that won just twice in 2017 and delivering seven wins and a playoff berth this season.

But Berneathy would likely trade any individual honors for overall program success.

In the wake of the Longhorns' 7-4 season, he said he simply cannot be any prouder of the way the school's entire program came through this season.

And for the seniors who went on top despite the loss to North Shore, thanks is aplenty.

"This senior group led the way as we got Dobie football back to where it wants to be in terms of making the playoffs every season," Berneathy said.

In many athletic program rebuilds, success the first year is great. But there are more than a few head coaches who will say they expect an even bigger leap between seasons one and two.

How that shakes out at Dobie is to be seen, but Berneathy's bunch doesn't appear close to settling for a one-hit wonder.

"This is a program that should be in the postseason year in and year out, and we are going to ensure that what these seniors started continues."



As the Dobie football program heads into the offseason with an eye toward the 2019 season, junior-to-be Darius Hale (4) is a key returnee within the offense after rushing for nearly 1,250 yards this season. In the bidistrict playoff win, Hale went 75 yards for a touchdown against North Shore despite the Longhorns' eventual loss.
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Dobie grad, San Jacinto College pitcher Kristoff picks UH Victoria Jaguars



Dobie Class of 2017 graduate Michelle Kristoff (20), currently a sophomore pitcher at San Jacinto College, has signed a letter of intent to continue her education and playing career at the University of Houston Victoria beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. A four-year vari-



ty letterwinner while at Dobie, Kristoff won a team-high 10 games as a freshman pitcher last season at San Jacinto. Kristoff's signing continues a trend of former Dobie and San Jacinto College players inking with the Jaguars, who are coached by Lindsay (Ferguson) Ortiz, also a Dobie graduate.

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