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Leader remembers highlights, sad times of 2017

Another year has passed, and the *Leader* staff would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the more significant stories of 2017.

While Hurricane Harvey and its subsequent recovery efforts were undoubtedly the biggest stories of the year (see Aug. 31 entry), there were many other events worthy of revisiting. Due to space limitations, the year in review will be continued in the Jan. 11 edition. Section B includes the sports year in review.

Jan. 5

Rodney Ellis was officially sworn in as Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner on Jan. 1. Ellis replaced Gene Locke, who had been appointed to the position to fill the remaining term of El Franco Lee, who died the previous January after

holding the seat for more than 30 years.

Jan. 12

The Pasadena Independent School District named Iraj Jabbari its 2016 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. The owner of ABC Dental, Jabbari has a long history of supporting PISD causes, providing complimentary access to dental care, scholarships, school supplies and wellness resources for students in the area. Through the business, he routinely gives at the top level as a Major Sponsor for the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament and hosts tables for the district's Shining Stars Gala as a Platinum Sponsor.

Jan. 19

Three valuable dogs were stolen from the Pet

Place store in the 13700 block of Beamer during a break-in the night of Saturday, Jan. 14. Two English bull dogs (valued at \$3,500 each) and one Maltese (valued at \$900) were taken during the burglary. Israel Lecea, 32, of Friendswood, was arrested and charged with felony burglary of a building the following week after police received an anonymous tip.

Jan. 26

Dobie High School junior Garrett Barrientos performed music at a major event during the presidential inauguration of Donald Trump. An oboe player for the Longhorn band, Barrientos, 16, was one of 12 members of the youth symphony Virtuosi of Houston selected to play at the Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Gala, which was attended by Sen. Ted Cruz and other dignitaries. Barrientos was one of three Pasadena ISD students to perform during the event, as local drill team members Aylene Espinoza and Karla Hernandez, from South Houston and Sam Rayburn high schools, respectively, also performed at the gala.

Feb. 2

The First Convenience Bank, located inside the Kroger grocery store at Beltway 8 and Sabo, was robbed at gunpoint on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 31. According to police, a man entered the store at approximately 9:45 a.m., approached a bank teller, brandished a pistol from under his waistband and demanded money. The man then fled the store on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. No immediate arrests were made.

After 75 years of being known as Easthaven Church, the local place of worship, located at 13100 Beamer, changed its name to South Belt Church. According to the Rev. Kevin J. Rizer,

head pastor at South Belt Church, the new name better reflects the community that it serves.

Pasadena Independent School District's Dobie and Memorial high school's Academic Decathlon teams advanced to the state meet after earning top 40 spots in the Region 5 competition. Competing in the large school district division, Dobie's team ranked No. 5 in the state, with a combined total score of 4,623. Memorial's team placed 20th in the regional competition with a total score of 3,421. Top Dobie performers included Bill Huynh (Honors Division: 3rd place highest-scoring student, 3rd place economics, 3rd place language, 3rd place social science, 1st place art, 2nd place music and 2nd place science); Steve Nguyen (Honors Division: 1st place economics); Noelle Phan (Honors Division: 3rd place music, 3rd place science and 2nd place economics); Jay Do (Scholastic Division: 3rd place highest scoring student, 3rd place math and 1st place social science); Gus Rodriguez (Scholastic Division: 3rd place music, 1st place economics, 2nd place music and 2nd place social science); Christine Perry (Varsity Division: 3rd place art, 3rd place music, 3rd place social science and 1st place language); Adrian De Los Santos (Varsity Division: 2nd place highest-scoring student, 3rd place economics, 3rd place science, 1st place art, 1st place social science, 2nd place language and 2nd place music).

Feb. 9

Dobie sophomore Ally Bellini got the thrill of a lifetime Sunday, Feb. 5, when she received a hug from Lady Gaga during the performer's Super Bowl halftime show. Bellini was among several Dobie Larlaettes who were invited to perform with the pop star. The drill team mem-

bers were notified of the performance roughly a month before the event but were told to keep it a secret. Members of Clear Brook's Celebrities drill team also took part in the performance.

Feb. 16

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees called for a \$487 million bond election to take place Saturday, May 6. The measure will allow the district to build new schools or permanently increase the capacity of existing schools due to overcrowding; rebuild or renovate schools between 40 and 50 years old; repair or replace elementary playgrounds; purchase new school buses; and expand the district's science magnet program for intermediate students to a second location.

A bat, later determined to be rabid, was discovered in the Weber Elementary gymnasium on Tuesday, Feb. 14. The animal was spotted by a fifth-grade female student during physical education class. The student reportedly touched the bat but was not bitten. Once aware of the incident, Weber coaches quickly cleared the area and notified animal control, which did a sweep of the entire campus. Animal control officials believe the bat entered through the exterior gym door. On Wednesday, Feb. 15, test results from the Harris County Public Health (HCPH) department determined the bat was infected with the rabies virus. The student was examined by both county and independent physicians and determined to be free from infection. The student was continued to be monitored for several weeks. Following the incident, county experts visited the school to educate the students about the possible dangers of bats and the rabies virus.

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Local Harvey hero revisited



The past year has been a challenging one for the South Belt community. Despite its challenges, 2017 will also be remembered as a time when residents stepped up to the plate and helped their neighbors in need. The above photo embodies that spirit. While she suffered no storm damage herself, Reena Benitez, 16, is shown wading through waist-high flood water in the wake of Hurricane Harvey to volunteer at the makeshift shelter that was erected at Dobie High School. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Man steals ambulance, robs bank

A bizarre robbery led to multiple felony charges being filed the morning of Thursday, Dec. 21.

According to Sgt. Robert Sanchez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the incident began around 10:30 a.m. when a patrol deputy was flagged down on Scarsdale and told the nearby CVS had been robbed. Deputies responded to the scene and were told that a man had passed the pharmacist a note demanding specific drugs and threatened to kill everyone in the store if he did not get them.

The man then fled the scene in an ambulance. Investigators reached out to the Houston, Pearland and Friendswood police departments to see if an ambulance had been reported stolen. All agencies said no.

About that same time, Sanchez received a call

from the La Porte Police Department, saying they were in pursuit of an ambulance on Highway 225 near Red Bluff - the driver of which had allegedly just robbed a nearby Amegy Bank.

The stolen ambulance was traced back to Southeast Volunteer Fire Department in the 9800 block of Hughes Road.

According to SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka, surveillance footage from the fire station showed three individuals casing out the building at 11:30 p.m. the previous night, before coming back at 9:30 a.m. the following morning and taking the ambulance, along with two TVs.

Following the chase, Kristopher Montalvo, 29, was arrested and charged with felony evading in a vehicle, federal bank robbery, robbery of a business, burglary of a building and auto theft.

BAHEP to honor Mayor Turner

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership will honor Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner with its esteemed Quasar Award, to be presented on the Silver Anniversary of this prestigious event, which will be held on Jan. 26, at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City.

The Quasar Award recognizes an outstanding elected official or business leader who, through his or her actions and leadership, has demonstrated a strong and continual effort to support the business foundations of the Greater Bay Area Houston communities.

The recipient's actions must have gone above and beyond to promote the economic development of the region and the fulfillment of the BAHEP's objectives to recruit, retain and expand primary jobs in the region.

The award is presented during the organization's formal Quasar Award banquet, which annually brings together nearly 700 individuals who celebrate and congratulate the honoree.

Turner lauded

Bob Mitchell, longtime South Belt resident and president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, stated, "Quite significantly, Mayor Turner has stepped forth to champion the coastal spine system to protect the region from hurricane storm surge. Additionally, his work to ensure a fiscally sound City of Houston will be a lasting testament to his outstanding leadership for decades to come. Mayor Turner's foresight has contributed immeasurably to the economic strength of Bay Area Houston."

Council Member Dave Martin, whose district

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MHSH launches cardiac program

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital is proud to announce the launch of its new cardiac surgery program and the appointment of Cesar Nahas, M.D., FACS, as the program's medical director, effective Jan. 2.

The appointment is in collaboration with the McGovern Medical School at UTHealth, where Nahas will also serve as an associate professor with the Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery.

"We are extremely excited to launch our open heart surgery program here at Memorial Hermann Southeast under the leadership of Dr. Nahas," said Kyle Price, senior vice president and CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast and Me-

morial Hermann Pearland Hospital. "His expertise in heart care will bring an invaluable service to the Southeast Houston community, as well as to our neighboring communities. In partnership with our highly skilled, dedicated staff of cardiologists, we look forward to bringing this new level of high quality cardiovascular care to the communities we serve."

A close collaboration between UTHealth-affiliated physicians and Memorial Hermann Physician Network and UT physicians, the program launch will bring a number of advanced cardiac treatment options, including coronary artery bypass graft surgery and heart valve surgery, to Me-

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San Jac graduates recount Harvey challenges

The San Jacinto College fall 2017 commencement topped off a year of highs and lows for new college graduates.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony, which took place at Minute Maid Park on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Turner recounted the year Houston hosted the Super Bowl, survived Hurricane Harvey and celebrated the Astros as World Series champions. He reminded graduates how some are sprinters, and some are long distance runners, but what really matters is staying in the race.

"I want you to feel proud of what you've done," Turner told the graduates. "You've been

to one of the best colleges the world could ever find, right here at San Jacinto College. You've had some of the best faculty members who could have instructed you. Decide where you want to go next."

For Jacqueline Bischof, the commencement brought a sigh of relief after a year of "hurdles."

"During Harvey our entire downstairs and our cars flooded," said Bischof. "We are still not in our home, and I don't have a car. It's been difficult to stick with school. It feels really good to be here today and walk across that stage. This year has been full of hurdles, and to overcome them means everything."

Talking about fall 2017 was difficult for Elizabeth Vallejo, who lost her home and vehicle to Harvey. Even though the hurricane made it difficult for her to get through her semester, she found help from her professors and graduated with her associate degree.

"I lost my home and my car to the flood," said Vallejo. "It was very hard. At the time, I was taking online classes, and because of the hurricane, I didn't have Internet anymore. I also didn't have a car to get to campus. Fortunately, many of my professors were very understanding and were able to move some deadlines to help me get back

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Clear Creek ISD releases report on storm effects

Hurricane Harvey made repeated landfalls along the Texas coast and the Bay Area Houston region beginning on Aug. 25, severely impacting families living in each of the Clear Creek Independent School District's 13 cities the district spans.

More than 2,000 CCISD families were displaced from their homes by the record flooding. Thousands more experienced some form of damage to their property and/or vehicles.

Although most residents agree the storm's severity could not have been predicted, even less foreseeable was the unprecedented level of support Clear Creek ISD and thousands of families received from their neighbors, whether from a friend next door or a stranger thousands of miles away.

CCISD Cares

CCISD Cares is the district's 501(c)3 support organization formed to assist Clear Creek ISD families and staff with basic needs in times of crisis such as a major hurricane. CCISD Cares serves as the gathering and distribution point for community support, in the form of both monetary and material donations.

By Aug. 31, the district had fully activated the CCISD Cares support resources, opening an Intake and Recovery Center at the centrally located McWhirter Elementary School.

With the help of more than 500 volunteers over the three-week period of operation, 1,256 families and 4,017 individuals who were directly impacted by the storm were served at the Recovery Center. CCISD support staff and volunteers provided help distributing clothing, food, cleaning supplies, toiletries and school supplies. CCISD staff and counselors also connected displaced families to district, local and federal recovery resources.

Loyalsock Township School District in Williamsport, Pennsylvania sent supplies and collected \$3,556.53 in funds for CCISD families, just one example of support received from afar.

The district was overwhelmed with the amount of donations that poured into the Recovery Center as well as satellite support centers set up at several CCISD campuses. Donations came by way of personal delivery, U.S. mail and 18-wheelers from as far as Virginia and Pennsylv-

vania. Individuals, faith communities and countless businesses and nonprofit organizations rose to the unprecedented challenge that Harvey inflicted on the area.

Through the CCISD Cares donation site alone (<https://www.ccisd.net/>), more than \$36,682 was contributed by individuals, businesses, school districts and others. In-state and out-of-state individuals and organizations contributed an additional \$62,293 in cash and checks intended for families hardest hit by Harvey. Additional-

ly, CCISD Cares received hundreds of gift cards and in-kind donations from generous citizens that helped flood victims meet their family's most immediate needs of food and clothing.

With the goal of being good stewards of the community's trust and donations, the CCISD At Risk Services Department and campus counselors work together closely to gather and monitor data on families displaced from their homes, or who are otherwise impacted, as well as specific

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Diaz, others bring holiday cheer



Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (third from left) once again participated in the *Leader's* annual Christmas drive by donating toys. Shown above with Diaz are, left to right, Sandy Robb and her daughter, Stacey Waugh; Deputy Andre Mitchell; Deputy Louis Urrabazo; Deputy Eric Lister; and Lt. Kim Bellotte. Robb and Waugh are longtime volunteers and instrumental to the program. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Deaths

Delvin Hermann Kendrick



Delvin Herman Kendrick was born to parents Hubert Herman Kendrick and Hessie Jewel Cunningham Kendrick in Houston Memorial Baptist Hospital Nov. 23, 1942. He died Dec. 12, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Roger Wayne Kendrick; and sisters, Jean, LaVerne, Ima, and Lillian. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carolyn Mathes Kendrick; son, Eric Daniel Kendrick and wife, Irene, of Brazoria; daughters, Anjanette Lea Sewell and husband, Bret, of Alvin, and Stephanie Jewel Kendrick of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by grandchildren, Shara Kendrick, Brandon Sewell, Anna Sewell, Jewel Hale, and great grandson, Christian Rivas. Delvin accepted Christ and was baptized at age 6. He was a member of Sagemont Church, a 32° Mason, member of Alvin Lodge #762 A.F. and A.M. and the Houston Scottish Rite Bodies. He served as a Board Member of the Houston Police Officers Association and the Houston Police Pension Board of which he was Chairman for several years. Until his death, he served as a member of the City of Friendswood Zoning Board of Adjustment. He was employed by the Houston Police Department on July 17, 1961. He entered Police Academy Class #29 Oct. 21, 1963. After graduation, he was assigned to the accident

civision and later the hit & run where he served until his promotion to detective May 17, 1969. As a detective he served in the auto theft, robbery & burglary and theft divisions. He was promoted to Lieutenant Aug. 27, 1977, where he served in the Clear Lake, Southeast, emergency communication and burglary and theft divisions, the polygraph detail, and Westside and Southeast Command Station Transition Teams. Delvin was promoted to Captain effective May 27, 1983, where he served in the Eastside, civilian employment, burglary and theft, and auto theft divisions until retirement on Dec. 18, 2004, after 43 years, 5 months and 1 day of service. After his retirement, he served his church by visiting the sick, praying for them, and ministering to their families. He also considered part of his ministry attending funerals of friends, family, and former police officers offering comfort to their loved ones. He loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandson. Christmas was his favorite holiday, and he loved celebrating his Savior's birthday with family. Friends attended visitation Dec. 26, at Jeter Memorial Funeral Home in Friendswood, with the funeral service followed with Rev. Chuck Schneider officiating. Interment was at Forest Park East Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the Kendrick family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Minnie Lee Floeck

Minnie Lee Floeck AKA "the Pillow Lady" was a loving mother, wife, an accomplished seamstress and devoted member of her church. She was a native Houstonian and was raised in the Heights. She graduated from John H. Reagan High School in 1950. She retired from working in Pasadena ISD after 38 years as a teacher and an attendance clerk. She attended Gloria Dei



Lutheran Church. She was a member of PARSE, Red Hatters, The Friendship Club, Friday Friends, Mustard Seeds, attended bible study, worked out two times a week at silver sneakers, and was awarded a gold cup for donating over 10 gallons of blood.

Her proudest "mission" was the Heart Pillow Ministry at her church. This ministry spread quickly through the community. Several women who sew and knit began to make heart shaped pillows for women recovering from breast cancer surgery or people who had heart surgery. Others began to knit hats for cancer patients, both adults and children who were losing their hair from chemotherapy. What began as a small ministry and a few volunteers grew over time to include community members who donate material, yarn and stuffing, individuals who cut, sew and stuff the pillows or knit the hats. Since this ministry began over 20,000 heart shaped pillows and thousands of hats have found their way into area hospitals, treatment centers and Houston's medical center. Hearts have been touched and lives brightened by this all but invisible outreach that exemplifies one of Gloria Dei's Life Measures - Living as a friend. Lee loved contributing to this cause.

She was constantly delivering stuffing, pillows, and materials all over town. She personally delivered pillows to five locations with whom ever would ride along. Lee lived a full life with treasured friends and family. She attended Gloria Dei

The longtime area resident is preceded in death by her husband Charles L. Floeck, and brothers Charles, Raymond and Lawrence Spates.

Her family includes son, Sherrill, his wife Michele, daughters, Christine and Paula, grandchildren Ashlee, Coleman, and Trey, great grandchild Avonlea, nieces, nephews, cousins, and relatives.

Her service was held Dec. 27, at Interment: Houston Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers Lee's request is donations to the Heart Pillow and Knitted Hat Ministry at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 18220 Upper Bay Road Houston, 77058

Lydia Marie Dozler



Longtime South Belt resident Lydia Marie Dozler died peacefully Dec. 21, 2017. She was born in Galveston, on Feb. 28, 1934, the first child of John Leonard Becker and Marie Sophie Becker.

She attended Milby High School, graduating early. Always adventurous, she attended Midland College in Fremont, Nebraska, where she earned her teaching degree. Her first teaching job was in Omaha, where she lived the young single life until she met her husband, John Joseph Dozler, who happened to live on the floor below in the same apartment building.

She taught school more than 40 years, many of those as a 3rd grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School in Houston. While teaching school and with daughters still at home, she earned a Master's Degree in Education from University of Houston-Clear Lake. She was an enthusiastic science and math teacher and helped train and pioneer computer technology in Houston schools.

Lydia loved genealogy research, gardening, helping others, and most of all, outings and meals with family and friends. Active in many clubs and organizations, she participated as a leader or member of the Clear Creek Retired Teachers Association, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Hugs Group, the German Society, Friends of the Library, Bay Area Genealogy and South Belt Chamber Fun Bunch, among others.

Lydia is preceded in death by her husband, John, sister, Elsa Louise Becker, and grandson, Danial Joseph Kinney. Lydia is survived by her brother John Leonard Becker, her daughters Patricia Ann Dozler and Pamela Marie Dozler and husband Stephen Philip Bayer; grandchildren: Alana Ali and husband Muhammad Ali, Delia Dozler and Ian McGuire, Christopher Kinney, and Melissa Kinney; Ellen Bashaw and her husband, Brandon Bashaw, Max Bayer, Leo Bayer and his wife, Miku Nishiyama, and Albert Bayer; great-grandchildren: Raja Waleed, Raja Aaryan, and Liyana Ali, Lydia and Emmett Bashaw.

Lydia Marie Dozler, also known as Lydia Becker Dozler, is often referred to by friends and family as a great person with immense positive energy.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Betty Loyd Wright



Betty Loyd Wright, 85, was born March 13, 1932 in Hamilton, Texas. She died Dec. 23,

2017 after a brief illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents C.O. and Ida Loyd. Her son, Robert Charles, loving husband of 43 years, Johnny Wright, and her siblings, Dean Kemp, Frank Loyd, and sister-in-law Betty Jo Loyd. She is survived by her son Rodney Wright and wife Debbie; daughter Betty Lou Cowey and husband Benjie; grandchildren Tarrah Wright, Brandon Wright and wife Cassie, Steven Cowey, Kristina Cowey Thompson and husband Jerry; great-grand babies Abigail, Jaxon, Xander, and Wesley.

Betty was well known in the South Belt area, owning Flowers For You for the last 32 years.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Grand View Memorial Park in Pasadena.

Mary Ellen Willburn



Mary Ellen Ruh Willburn died Dec. 20, 2017. She was born in Chicago Aug. 15, 1941 to Richard F. and Margaret Coubrough Ruh.

She married James J. Willburn July 2, 1966 in Evergreen, Colorado at Christ the King Catholic Church.

They have three children: Christopher and wife Annette of Houston; Matthew and wife Trish of Salt Lake City, and daughter Meggen of Houston. There are five grandchildren.

Mary Ellen was the eldest of five children. Her siblings are Karen and husband Dave May of Winters, California.; Kathleen and husband Greg Beaulieu of Rockford, IL; John and wife Darlene Ruh of Chicago and Sue Rapp of Littleton, Colorado.

Mary Ellen was raised in Chicago, graduated from St. Matthias Elementary School, St. Gregory High School, and National College of Education in Evanston, IL (now National Lewis University). She taught elementary school for the Park Ridge, and Littleton school districts. After college, she moved to Littleton with her friend Diane Hammond, after being inspired by an adventurous, summer road trip the two single women took across the western U.S. in the mid-1960s. In Denver, she met her Texan husband.

In the first few years of marriage, James and Mary Ellen lived in Denver, then Las Cruces. In 1971 they moved to Houston where they were longtime South Belt residents. In Houston, James joined two of his brothers in the family plumbing business. Mary Ellen was one of the founders of Little Learners Early Childhood Program at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Later she worked with her husband by training employees in his plumbing services business.

Mary Ellen served in ministry in several Catholic Church parishes in Houston throughout her life: St. Francis of Cabrini, St. Luke the Evangelist, St. Anne's, and St. Rose of Lima. She was a member of the St. Anne's Guild and Altar Society. She was passionate about faith, family, friends, ministry work, family genealogy, gardening, reading, travel, and early childhood education. She had a particular gift for connecting with people in a very personal way across all cultural, age or societal boundaries and for teaching young children creatively. She and James welcomed international students and interns to live with them in their home. She described German, Matthias Keudel, and Costa Rican, Fernando Sandi, as two of her "adopted" sons, the other being Mark Williamson, a close neighbor. Mary Ellen had a love for ballet and was a season ticket holder of the Houston Ballet for 25 years. She participated in two mission trips to Guatemala to serve indigenous communities, where she developed a special love for those communities which continued until the end of her life.

A vigil service was held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Fu-

neral Mass will be on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Guardian Angel Fund of Sending Out Servants www.guardianangelfund.org, which supports the education of the underserved indigenous children of Guatemala.

Elizabeth Anne Johnson



South Belt resident Elizabeth Anne Johnson was born in Austin on Sept. 25, 1948. The oldest child of Malcolm Doyle and Joyce Pearl Wilkinson, her brother Jim and sister Martha rounded out the family in the years that followed.

She graduated from Raymondville High School and continued her studies to become a registered nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital - School of Nursing. After her move to Houston, she met the love of her life, William Kent Johnson, to whom she was married to for 43 years. Liz was a member of Sagemont Church for over 35 years in which she lovingly taught 5th grade Sunday school with Kent.

Liz lost her courageous battle with cancer Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2017 with her loving husband and children by her side. She was preceded in death by her parents Doyle and Joyce Wilkinson.

Liz's idea of a good time was being with her family. Though she was a quiet, stoic soul, she was a full of wit and a sparkling joy to her loved ones. She enjoyed family vacations,

roller coasters, playing board games and laughing at the wildness that ensued at family gatherings.

Starting in 1999, when she became a grandmother for the first time, until her last day, her grandchildren were her life's delight. They spanned two decades, initially with seven grandsons and finally getting two granddaughters in 2015.

Liz always smiled and never complained. She would just purse her lips or raise an eyebrow in response to life's messes, a trait that endeared her to her loving coworkers, patients, friends and family.

Liz is survived by her husband Kent Johnson, brother James (Ginger) Wilkinson, Martha Wilkinson, children Katrina (Mario), Kari (Robert), Kyle (Amanda), and Kasi (Josh); grandchildren Mario, Kynes, Kayson, Keen, Kade, Kylin, Kenner, Kentley and Kurie and many nieces and nephews and family.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at Sagemont Church in Houston, with visitation one hour prior to the service. A private entombment will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo TX 79101.

Jason Paul Rowe



Jason Paul Rowe, 43, died on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, after a lifelong battle with

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. He was born in Houston, on June 25, 1974. He and his family were South Belt residents for many years.

As a senior at J. Frank Dobie High School in 1992, he was selected as one of 21 graduating seniors to receive the Trailblazer Award.

After graduating, Jason attended San Jacinto College South. Jason loved spending time with family playing games and passionately following his Houston Texans and Rockets.

He also loved spending time with his precious nephew Connor for the past nine months.

Jason's faith in God and love of life was an inspiration to all who knew him. Jason is preceded in death by his grandfather, James Lavoy Curbow. He is survived by his parents, Mike and Sheila Rowe, his brother's family, Kevin, Nicci, and Connor, his grandmother Mildred Curbow, and

his loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. Jason also leaves behind a host of friends including special lifelong friends, Chris Cook and Amber Brannen Allan. He has had many special caregivers through the years, but one man, Alexander Neal, has remained a steadfast caregiver/friend for more than 22 years.

A Celebration of Jason's life will be held at Sagemont Church, 11300 South Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX, in the Beltway Chapel at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29. Guests are invited to visit from Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Jason was a very passionate supporter of our military. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may make donations in Jason's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org. Those donating are asked to provide an address for acknowledgements to the Rowe family who reside at 16411 Rudder Drive, Crosby, Texas 77532.

Leader obituary policy

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

CCART January meeting set

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

The featured speaker will be Gina Evans, founder and director of The Mercy Tree. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$45.

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Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of the Sagemont Civic Club Facebook page shared a link to file a claim with the City of Houston if one's property was damaged by debris pick-up contractors.

A member of the people of sagemont 2 Facebook page has posted that Crush-City is looking for boys for

all positions to fill the roster for Spring Season.

If interested in coming to open practice, contact Lucas Elizondo at 281-733-3292.

A person posted photos in search of leads for a red Silverado on people of sagemont 2 Facebook page. The red Silverado allegedly hit the person's vehicle and fled the scene of Ross' park-

ing lot on Pearland Parkway near FM-518. Pearland police are investigating the case.

A member of the Pets of Southbelt Facebook page is looking for a lost Yorkshire Terrier Yorkie.

The lost dog is a black, brown and white and is a male. For information on the dog, call 281-235-8298.



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Library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Friday, Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m. Extended Anime Club: *Trigun: Badlands Rumble* (PG-13) (ages 14 and older). "Twenty years after meddling into the bank heist of a notorious robber named Gasback, Wash the Stampede is heading toward Macca City. Rumors say that the legendary

thief might appear there causing an enormous influx of bounty hunters in the area who want to collect the \$300,000,000 prize for his head."-imdb.com

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1-4 p.m. Extended Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older.

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2 p.m. Disney's Descendants (TV-G, 112 minutes) and magic wand making, for ages 8 and older. Meet in the library community room to watch the Disney's De-

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BAHEP to honor Turner with Quasar Award at annual function

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includes Bay Area Houston, said, "Mayor Sylvester Turner has been and continues to be a strong proponent for Bay Area Houston. "Spearheading the city's efforts to implement pension reform, addressing our mobility and infrastructure initiatives, and fostering a strong economic development agenda for the Bay Area region, are the cornerstones of Mayor Turner's

first two years in office. "With the mayor's strong endorsement of the coastal spine system, our Bay Area homes and business will be protected from future hurricane surge."
Decades of service
Elected in December 2015, Turner is serving his first four-year term as Houston's 62nd mayor. Since taking office, he eliminated a \$160 million budget shortfall in record time, led the

city's remarkable rebound from Hurricane Harvey, expanded municipal investments in renewable energy and led the winning bid to host the World Petroleum Congress in 2020. As the head of the energy capital of the world and the most diverse city in the nation, Turner has brought a performance-driven approach to the job, creating more responsive, streamlined and efficient delivery of city services while shoring up Houston's financial future.

One of the mayor's signature initiatives is Complete Communities, which aims to improve the quality of life for residents in all neighborhoods. The mayor's other priorities include filling more than 90,000 potholes on city streets, implementing a six-point holistic plan for addressing homelessness, re-

ducing flooding and improving drainage. Turner's civic leadership has been nationally recognized through his service as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Transportation and Communication Standing Committee, vice chair of the National Climate Action Agenda, member of the C40 and Global Covenant for Mayors for Climate and Energy and an advisory board member of the African American Mayors Association.

Prior to his election as mayor, Turner served for 27 years in the Texas House as the representative for District 139. He worked on the House Appropriations Committee for 21 years and served as speaker pro tem for three terms. He was appointed to several Budget Conference committees to help balance the state's bud-

get and served on the Legislative Budget Board. Turner is a lifelong resident of Houston and lives in the Acres Homes community where he grew up with eight siblings. He is a graduate of the University of Houston and earned a law degree from Harvard University. He began his law practice at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. and later founded the Barnes & Turner Law Firm.

Previous recipients of the Quasar Award include:
• Texas Gov. Ann Richards (1994)
• U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay (1995)
• U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (1996)
• U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson (1997)
• NASA/JSC Director George W. S. Abbey (1998)
• Harris County Judge Robert Eckels and Galveston County Judge Jim Yarborough (1999)
• Robert L. Moody, Sr. (2000)
• Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown (2001)
• Harris County Commissioner Jim Fonteno (2002)
• House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (2003)
• Harris County Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia (2004)
• UTMB-Galveston President Dr. John Stobo (2005)
• Houston Mayor Bill White (2006)
• NASA Administrator Dr. Michael Griffin (2007)
• UHCL President Dr. William A. Staples (2008)
• NASA JSC Director Michael L. Coats (2009)
• Texas State Rep. Craig Eiland (2010)
• U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (2011)
• U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (2012)

• Griffin Partners Founder and Chairman Fred Griffin (2013)
• University of Houston President Dr. Renu Khator (2014)
• Texas A&M University at Galveston George P. Mitchell '40 Chair in Marine Sciences (teaching, research, service) Dr. Bill Merrell (2015)
• Clear Creek Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith (2016)
• Texas State Sen. Larry Taylor (2017).

San Jac graduation held

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on my feet and get through this semester."
Vallejo now plans to transfer to the University of Houston to study criminal law. She walked the fall 2017 commencement stage with her sister, Karina Romero, who graduated with an associate degree in communication and will soon begin the San Jacinto College nursing program. For Shirley O'Donnell, whose family business was damaged by the hurricane, graduating at the San Jacinto College commencement

meant a promise fulfilled to her mother. "My mom has cancer," said O'Donnell. "I'm really proud of myself for making it here today, so that my family and my mom can see me graduate."
Alexander Watson plans to transfer to UH to study communication and said no hardships could stand in the way of his main focus of graduating from college. "My family and I got a chance to get through all of the hardships of the hurricane," said Watson, who

worked in the college's financial aid office while taking classes. "Finishing college was my main focus. I had that drive and motivation, especially from my family. I am very happy and excited for the next step in my journey."
The San Jacinto College fall 2017 commencement also honored the late Ernest Mitchell by awarding him a posthumous degree for his academic achievements. Mitchell's daughter, Suzanne Allen, received the award on behalf of her father.

SJC sets calendar

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar briefs. **Spring 2018 registration**
Registration for the spring 2018 semester beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, is now open. For more information on steps to register, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

College administrative offices closed for winter holiday
San Jacinto College administrative offices will be closed for the winter holiday from Dec. 21, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. The college will resume normal business hours on Jan. 2, 2018.

Melillo Middle School students write New Year's resolution letters

The following are New Year's resolution letters which were written by Melillo Middle School fifth-graders.
Alice Wong's class
My New Year's resolution is to help my family.
Danae R.
My New Year's resolution is to play better on my saxophone.
Arianna G.
My New Year's resolution is to learn how to do a backflip.
Hailey A.
My New Year's resolution is to do well on the STAAR test and get good grades.
Jaysun R.
My New Year's resolution is to study harder. **Omari H.**
My New Year's resolution is to study hard so I can make at least an 80% or higher on the STAAR test. **Lindzey F.**

My New Year's resolution is to get 100% on the STAAR test on every subject.
Mercedes B.
My New Year's resolution is to get better grades in all of my classes.
Johann C.
My New Year's resolution is to pass 5th grade. **Paris C.**
My New Year's resolution is to try to open a food bank.
Maria D.
My New Year's resolution is to be at a healthy weight.
Patience H.
My New Year's resolution is to study harder and get 100%.
Marvin J.
My New Year's resolution is to understand what I am doing in social studies class.
Daniel P.
My New Year's resolution is to be at a healthy weight

and pass all my classes.
John N.
My New Year's resolution is to catch the biggest fish when I go fishing. **Manuel N.**
My New Year's resolution is to become a big YouTuber.
Adrian S.
My New Year's resolution is to learn how to write in cursive.
Gyzelle D.
My New Year's resolution is to have a slime factory.
Dhelayla D.
My New Year's resolution is to be successful in all that I do.
Irisa W.
My New Year's resolution is to join a higher team in soccer.
Niko P.
My New Year's resolution is to have better conduct.
Joseph S.
My New Year's resolution

is to be healthy. **Ruby M.**
My New Year's resolution is to be less negative and more positive. **Avrie Z.**
My New Year's resolution is to get good grades all year.
Taylor R.
My New Year's resolution is to spend more time with my family. **Angelina C.**
Tyler Oakes' class
My New Year's Resolution is to get all A's on all subjects. **Andrew Pavalonis**
My New Year's resolution is to have a better year simply.
Jared Toro
My New Year's Resolution is to get to college.
Jacqueline Martinez
My New Year's Resolution is to eat more and work harder on my goals.
Nathaniel Chevalier-

Manlangit Muarice
My New Year's Resolution is to eat all my vegetables.
Jaylon Lasker
My New Year's Resolution is to pass all my classes.
Heidi Sanchez
My New Year's Resolution is to get better grades.
Gabriel Fulgado
My New Year's Resolution is to make BBQ and pop fireworks.
Conner Torres
My New Year's resolution is to enjoy the rest of the school year, plus to see my students in 6th Grade!
Tristan Sudario
My New Year's Resolution is to pass all my classes.
Isabella Monita
My New Year's resolution

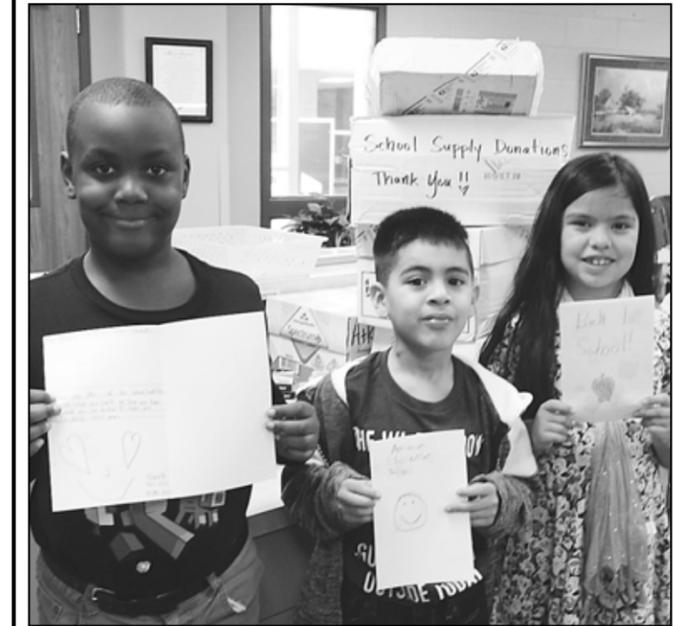
is to get good grades for the entire year. **Joselyn Benitez**
My New Year's resolution is to finish all my classes. **Hunter Samuel Stacey**
My New Year's is to get all A's the whole year.
Emma Tamez
My New Year's Resolution is to do well in school and have FUN. **Lilli Ramirez**
My New Year's resolution is to pay more attention.
Xander Whitehall
Elizabeth Soto's Class
My New Year's Resolution is to be nice to my sister and be more patient.
Yazmine Gonzalez
My New Year's Resolution is to be a better sister and get good grades.
Madeline Salinas

Krystal Balderas
My New Year's Resolution is to be nice to my sister and eat all my food.
Ayaan Ali
My New Year's Resolution is to read more books and be nicer to my sister.
Emily Cano
My New Year's Resolution is to stop being mean to my sister and have good grades.
Omar Limon
My New Year's Resolution is to have better grades and take care of my dog better.
Megan Vu
My New Year's Resolution is to be nicer to my sister and also be more patient and get good grades.
Madeline Salinas

My New Year's Resolution is to get better grades and be a better little sister.
Lauren Garza
My New Year's Resolution is to go outside more and be more active. **Jacob Lam**
Kristin Konzelman's Class
My New Year's Resolution is to read a book and get better in Math and Reading.
Jocelyn Cruz
My New Year's Resolution is to help the community and help animals and poor people. **Kristian Zamora**
My New Year's Resolution is to see my family more and get my glasses.
Juliana Salazar
My New Year's Resolution is to stay up with my

family. **Abigail Koplin**
My New Year's Resolution is to be a better person, don't fight with my brother, clean my room, and see my family more.
Nicholas Grochoske
My New Year's Resolution is to stay home, play games, watch tv, and rest.
Garrison Parker
My New Year's Resolution is to get good grades.
Kayden Montez
My New Year's Resolution is to do my homework every night. **Carter Wright**
My New Year's Resolution is to get good grades so my mom will be proud of me.
Taylor Armstrong

Atkinson sends thanks to Wisconsin



After Hurricane Harvey, the students at New Glarus Middle School in New Glarus, Wisconsin, donated school supplies to Atkinson Elementary School. New Glarus is located in southern Wisconsin. Emalie Sternberg, Atkinson Elementary music teacher, has an aunt who currently works at New Glarus Middle School. The students at New Glarus were moved by what they saw in the news and wanted to help out. They collected school supplies such as paper, pencils, and backpacks and sent care notes for the students at Atkinson. To show their appreciation, Atkinson students wrote thank you cards and staff took a group picture using a drone. Students from Kathie Teuscher's class shown at left are, left to right, Trinton Davis, Iziel Cortez, and Ella Rodriguez. Photo by Karen O'Connor

INEOS pledges \$250,000 in support of the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, Technology

INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA, a leading manufacturer of olefin and polyolefin products, has pledged a \$250,000 cash donation in support of the San Jacinto College Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology. The center is poised to become the largest petrochemical training facility in Texas. INEOS has hired 24 San Jacinto College petrochemical graduates in recent years and has demonstrated its commitment to an up-and-coming workforce and to ensuring student training aligns with industry needs. As a major sponsor of the center, INEOS will receive naming rights for one of the center's skills labs.

"The primary goals of INEOS, as well as the other petrochemical manufacturers in the region, are to operate safely and serve as good stewards of the environment," said Bob Bradshaw, site manager of INEOS's Battleground Manufacturing facility in La Porte. "These goals can only be achieved through a knowl-

edgeable, well-trained and qualified workforce. This is why INEOS is so pleased to partner with San Jacinto College for the construction of a world class education facility. "Once operational, the center will provide the petrochemical industry with the next generation of qualified workers to safely and expertly operate the significant capital investments currently being made by our industry in the region." INEOS is already an active member of the San Jacinto College Petrochemical Advisory Council, formed by Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. Sponsorship of the center is a natural complement to the many other local workforce and education outreach initiatives of INEOS, including apprenticeship and internship programs and various science and career fairs. The 145,000-square-foot center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology is scheduled to open in 2019. The center will house skills labs in process technology,

instrumentation and analyzer technology, and non-destructive testing and electrical technology; a craft training center; a control room; a process simulator lab; a glass pilot plant lab; an exterior glycol distillation unit; and corporate training space. The center's development has been made possible by collaboration with industry partners like INEOS. The center's goal is to increase the number of skilled workers needed for a Texas Gulf Coast petrochemical industry experiencing unprecedented growth, with announced projects totaling \$40 billion in capital investment, while 50 percent of its workforce approaches retirement age. "INEOS has been part of our plan since its inception," said Jim Griffin, associate vice chancellor/senior vice president for the Petrochemical Training Division at San Jacinto College. "Their vision and industry leadership will help ensure not only the successful construction of the center, but a world-class education."

The center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology is under the guidance of the Petrochemical Advisory Council and the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, both of which supported the 2015 bond election to fund the center. For more information about the San Jacinto College Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology, visit the website www.sanjac.edu/CPET.



Shown are, left to right, (front row) Johana Thomas, member, San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors; Marie Flickinger, chair, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; David King, workforce development manager, INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA; Ruth Keenan, executive director, San Jacinto College Foundation; Pete Train, director of human resources, INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA; Bob Bradshaw, site manager, INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA; Jerome Grant, analyzer technician, INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA; and John Moon Jr., member, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; (back row) Larry Wilson, member, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Frank Rizzo, co-owner, Rizzo & Associates; Tom Watson, chair, San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College; Gary Wallace, vice president of Supply, INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA; David Brackett, vice president of operations, INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA; and Jim Griffin, associate vice chancellor/senior vice president for the Petrochemical Training Division. Photo by Jeannie Peng Mansyur

Fred Roberts Middle School students share 2018 New Year's resolutions

The following are New Year's Resolution letters that were written by a class of fifth-graders from Fred Roberts Middle School.
Erin Timmons' class
To make better grades in school.
Angelica Gonzales
I want to get good grades. I also wish I was a taller.
Jazmin Garcia

To get all A's.
Jamiya Lacy
I want to be smarter.
Sophia Alonso
I want to keep my really good grades. Also, I don't want to break my glasses.
Ariana Becerra
To not fight so much with my brother.
Chelsy Bonilla
To get better grades.

To be smarter and do better in my classes.
Elleen Carrillo
To not be as shy.
Noah Galvan
To collect more JoJo bows.
Elias Garcia
To be more respectful to my teachers.
Brenda Gutierrez
Antonio Gutierrez Olvera

To be a better soccer player.
Ricardo Loreto
To have better grades & get better at dancing.
Vanessa Rosalez
To have better grades.
Samaya Shepard
To have more friends and do better in school.
Ruben Hinojosa
To read more books.
Alina Loreda

Library events set

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cendents while making magic wands. Movie popcorn has been generously provided by the Friends of the Parker Williams Library.
Thursday, Jan. 4, 3-5 p.m. Super Smash Bros. Brawl tournament for ages 8 and older. Meet in the library community room for some winter gaming time on a 60" plasma TV with a Nintendo Wii and play Super Smash Bros. Winner stays on, losers rotate out.
Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Intro to eBooks. Meet at the library for information on setting up a device to enjoy books from anywhere.
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4:30 p.m. Spanish Computer class. No experience necessary.
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 5 p.m. STEM Time: presentation of *Science of Weight Gain and Loss*. Meet in the library community room to learn about the science of how and why we lose and gain weight.
Below are the programs that occur every week:
Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 years to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.
Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Basic

Computer Class. The December class emphasizes basic internet skills.
Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.
Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.
For more information on library events, call the library at 281-484-2036. Regular 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. All HCPL branches close at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, through Monday, Jan. 1, for the New Years holiday.
Bracewell Branch Library
The following events are set for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:
Winter Reading program: Sign up with the library to read 10 minutes a day for 10 days through Jan. 8 to earn a holiday season prize (awarded Jan.

2 through Jan. 13). For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580. This event is free and available to the public.
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 11:30 a.m. Preschool playtime
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime
Saturday, Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class
Saturday, Jan. 6, 2 p.m. Manga/Anime club
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m. Para los Niños
Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime
Wednesday, Jan. 10, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint
For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.
Bracewell regular hours are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bracewell Library will be closed Dec. 31 through Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday.

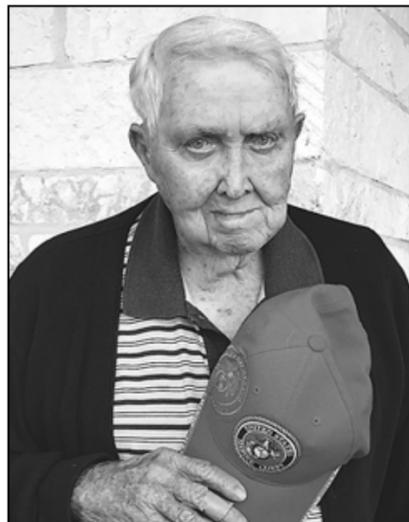
Moore Elementary holds Spelling Bee



Moore Elementary held its annual Spelling Bee on Monday, Dec. 18. The third- and fourth-grade students participated in the event. Shown above are the contestants, left to right, (front row) Zaid Mitchell, Reina Estrada, Zoey Vuing, Anthony Jacobo, Katie Tan, Jaslynn Chavez, Carter Burbank, Angel Gonzales, Awele Ozieh, Nathaly Bonilla, (back row) Ella Torres, Natalie De Paz, Angel Ramos, Axel Garza, Landen Hernandez, Joseph Oviedo, Matthew Macias, Charleston Nash, Aniyah Lofton and Kevin Chau.

Shown, right, are the first- and second-place winners of the Spelling Bee. Jaslynn Chavez (left) took first place and Kevin Chau won second place. Chavez will advance to represent Moore at the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee at South Houston High School on Feb. 20. Photo by Katherine Young

Smith turned 95



Oliver W. Smith, a 51-year resident of the South Belt area, turned 95 years young on Dec. 16. He celebrated with his family and friends at a barbecue dinner held in the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church in Pearland. More than 125 people were present to help Smith celebrate.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BILL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes to **Bill King**, local businessman and former mayor of Kemah, who enjoys a birthday Dec. 29, from friends and the *Leader* staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WALBURGA!
Special birthday wishes are sent Saturday, Dec. 30, to Walburga "Burgie" Clark from her daughter Diddy, friends and the *Leader* staff.

BO ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes to *Leader* staffer **Bo Bolen** who celebrates a birthday Sunday, Jan. 7, from friends and the staff at the *South Belt Leader*.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO BETH
Wishes for a great celebration on Jan. 3 are sent to **Beth Williams** from her family, friends and the staff at the *South Belt Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 28 through Jan. 10.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Elizabeth Roehl** Dec. 29. Join in the birthday fun with **Jennifer Meade** Jan. 2. Birthday greetings are sent to **Emalie Sternberg** Jan. 4.

Burnett Elementary
Shannon Roberts celebrates a birthday Dec. 28. Sing a chorus of a birthday song to **Jessica Leon** Dec. 29. Light the birthday candles Jan. 3 for **DaLacie Henderson**. **Maria Nunez** enjoys a birthday Jan. 4. Send a birthday greeting Jan. 6 to **Carlota Ramirez**. Join in the birthday fun Jan. 10 with **Kanika Douglas**.

Bush Elementary
Jessica Wedgeworth celebrates a birthday Dec. 30. The day for a party for **Maria Hurtado** is Jan. 5 and Jan. 9 for **Vicki Sheppard**. **Tawana Dockery** enjoys a birthday Jan. 10.

Frazier Elementary
Bonny Teflos marks a birthday Jan. 5. Light the birthday candles Jan. 8 for **Christine Grazioli**. **Nancy Guerra** celebrates a birthday on Jan. 10.

Meador Elementary
Evangelina Calderon enjoys a birthday Dec. 28. The day for a double celebration for **Layna Hamon** and **Cheryl Caudill** is Jan. 6.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Brittany Jaramillo** Dec. 28.

South Belt Elementary
Starting off the new year right is **Marcy Pittman** with a birthday Jan. 1. Light the birthday candles for **Renato Lu** Jan. 2. Send a birthday greeting Jan. 4 to **Estella Montoya-Riley**. Join in the birthday fun Jan. 9 with **Cynthia Gomez**. Jan. 10 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Amy Campos**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a happy birthday wish Dec. 30 to **Cheryl Mendoza**. **Victor Clorio** is wished a happy birthday Jan. 6.

Melillo Middle School
Jill Sharma marks a birthday Dec. 29. **Teresa Salazar** will celebrate Jan. 3. Jan. 10 is the day for a birthday cake for **Jessica Adamek**.

Roberts Middle School
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Ed Johnson** on Jan. 5. The day for a party for **Ha-Bang "Susie" Nguyen** is Jan. 7.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day to celebrate with a double-layer birthday cake for **Kenneth Davidson** and **Laura Mervine** is Dec. 29. Marking a birthday on Dec. 30 is **Stephanie Jones**. **Angel Fernandez** enjoys a birthday Jan. 6.

Thompson Intermediate
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Betty Minter** Dec. 29. Starting off the new year with a birthday celebration on Jan. 1 is **Tiona Samuel**. The day for a cake for **Carolina Aguilera** is Jan. 4. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Hajile Mitchell** Jan. 6. Jan. 9 is the day for a party for **Ashley Chaddock**. Cheers for **Tiffany Nelson** who has a perfect Jan. 10 birthday.

Dobie High
On Dec. 29, a birthday greeting is sent to **Andrea Morgan**. **William Fults** ends the year with a wonderful Dec. 31 birthday. Celebrating the new year with a birthday Jan. 1 is **Barry Harris**.

Birthday wishes are sent to **Jane Damico** Jan. 3. Light the candles on a cake for **Kyle Ediger** Jan. 4. **Anthony Benitez Arroyo** marks a birthday Jan. 7. Celebrating a five-star birthday Jan. 9 are **Seema Sultana**, **Michael Alexander**, **Adriana Robinson**, **Victoria Pfeiffer** and **Brianne Williams**. Enjoying a birthday Jan. 10 is **Camille Calo Widaski**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday:
Thursday, Dec. 28: **Mandy Philmon**; Friday, Dec. 29: **Lory Adams Taylor**, **Joe Gutierrez** and **Debra Blake**; Saturday, Dec. 30: **Heather Deming**, **David Garza**, **Gloria Garcia**, **Salvador Flores**, **Scott Romeo**, **Brenda Keener** and **Arcilia Maturey**; Sunday, Dec. 31: **Laneil Kavter**, **Dameon Smith**, **Kelley Hammond**, **Karen Edwards**, **Cecily Carriere** and **Pamela Collins**; Monday, Jan. 1: **Michael McCollom**, **Charlotte Christian**, **Elaine Bischof**, **Mari Willis**, **Kelly Robinson**, **David Tucker**, **Richard Lopez**, **Eleonora Stoves**, **Sandra Matula** and **Crystal Ford**; Tuesday, Jan. 2: **Jay Forrest**, **Amanda Baldwin**, **Bryan Gomez**, **Mary Winters**, **Kelly Edwards** and **Meagan Novak**; Wednesday, Jan. 3: **Tony Montenegro III**, **Deb Rainbolt-Young**, **Terri Salazar**, **Roland Moreno** and **Flor Elizalde**; Thursday, Jan. 4: **Gerry Cole**, **Lan Curtis**, **Crystal Roberts** and **Jason Thompson**; Friday, Jan. 5: **John Carnes**, **Jessica Fernandez**, **Jamie Troxlar**, **Natalie McCoy**, **John Jenkins** and **Jovon Lartigue-Davis**; Saturday, Jan. 6: **Bonnie Ferguson**, **Jeremy McMillan**, **Myranda Davis**, **Edwin Clark**, **Scott Parchmont** and **Seth Marshall**; Sunday, Jan. 7: **Michael Lake**, **Kathi Kemp**, **Sherry Crawford**, **Meagan McMurry**, **Jessica Sellers**, **Bob Townley**, **Larry Shewell**, **Jason Cox**, **Brian Gallagher** and **Diane Gonzalez**; Tuesday, Jan. 9: **Jennifer Gonzalez**, **Mary Meyer**, **Jill Rea**, **Mike Escobedo**, **Monette Falzon**, **Cecelia Faske** and **Holly Lyons**; and Wednesday, Jan. 10: **Jennifer Murillo**, **Roy Gunter** and **Caron Cantu**.

Walker graduates



Buddy Walker, son of South Belt resident Matt Walker, graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication and a minor in sociology from the University of Houston on Dec. 14 at NRG Arena. Buddy was cheered on by his father and sister Lucy Walker as he made his way across the stage. While going to school, Buddy also worked two jobs. He will be attending a discipleship training school with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Wylie, Texas.

UHCL announces upcoming calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has released its upcoming calendar briefs.

Super Saturday for SAT and college admission information

Students and parents can get the scoop on the college admissions process from experts at University of Houston-Clear Lake in a variety of sessions covering topics, such as how to pay for college, entrance exams and college admissions processes.

High school counselors are invited to learn how to develop prep courses at their schools.

The free event is Jan. 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Lunch is provided for those who RSVP. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/center-executive-education/center-services or call 281-283-3120.

Bayou Theater presents Bumper Jacks

Kick off the new year with the jazz-blues group Bumper Jacks at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m., located at 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The group blends sounds of Appalachian folk music, New Orleans jazz and Texas swing to create a unique sound that holds true to the traditional sounds of Americana. The musicians have been honored multiple times as the Mid-Atlantic's "Artists of the Year" and "Best Traditional Band" at the Washington Area Music Awards.

Presale tickets for the show are available for purchase online for \$20 for adults and \$13 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25 and \$15 respectively.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

CCISD calendar set

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the 2018-2019 academic calendar during the regular meeting on Dec. 18.

The calendar design and selection process began in September. Three calendar options were developed by the District Education Improvement Committee Calendar Subcommittee and were presented to the CCISD staff and community for input. The calendar options were posted to the District website and social media and community and staff choices were surveyed.

After taking into account input from individual Campus Instruction Improvement Committee votes as well as input tallied from the CCISD website, the DEIC recommended Calendar 2. In the end, Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith made a formal recommendation to the school board for Calendar 3, which was the popular vote among individual staff and community members who participated in the voting process.

The approved calendar has the start of school beginning Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, and school ending May 30, 2019. The 2018-2019 academic calendar can be viewed at www.ccisd.net.

Cardiac program . . .

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faculty member at Baylor College of Medicine and was chief of the cardiac surgery at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center.

Nahas is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery and the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association. Nahas is married and has one daughter. Outside of his practice, he enjoys travel, music, the arts and high performance car racing.

To schedule an appointment or learn more information about the cardiothoracic and vascular surgery program at Memorial Hermann Southeast call, 713-222-CARE (2273).

Atkinson Citizenship members collect donations



The fourth-grade Atkinson Citizenship members collected canned goods for the *Leader* Christmas food drive. Shown are the student members, left to right, (front row) Victor Mejia, from Tulu Sarka's class; Savannah Talavera, from Jennifer Youngblood's class; (middle row) Cynthia Pineda, from Rebecca Garcia's class; Maximilian Estrada, from Jennifer Youngblood's class; Audrey Volper, from Tracey Nguyen's class; Rolando Salinas, from Tracey Nguyen's class; (back row) Guillermo Fernandez, from Tracey Nguyen's class; Daniel Carrera, from Norma Martinez's class; Diana Armenta, from Nancy Vasquez's class; and Hannah Pham, from Tulu Sarka's class.

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
Residents began taking an active part toward solving vandalism problems in the area. One resident who witnessed vandalism reported a license number and vehicle description to Houston Police. Another South Belt resident took pictures of vehicle tracks from a torn-up yard. The South Belt Press has begun working with local civic clubs in an effort to help stop such problems.

35 years ago (1982)
Brian Matthew Rider, 9, was killed by an accidental shotgun blast as his next door neighbor's on Christmas Eve. Rider was being shown a 10-gauge shotgun when it went off. No adults were home at the time.

30 years ago (1987)
Tebco Services Incorporated began servicing the Sagemeadow Utility District replacing Eco Resources as the district operator.

25 years ago (1992)
Students at Burnett Elementary used a local Apple Tree grocery store as a learning environment. Lessons at the store ranged from a health lesson on reading labels to comparison shopping. Weights and measures was also taught in the store, as well as changing money.

20 years ago (1997)
Educational consultant and former college administrator Dr. Raymond Hawkins of Austin was named interim president of San Jacinto College pending board approval.

15 years ago (2002)
The Dobie academic decathlon team won the district competition. The team won the Super Quiz competition which continued its unbroken streak to 20.

A fire destroyed the Salt Inn Ministries facility located off of Beamer between Scarsdale and Sagedown. The facility was vacant because it was being constructed after a fire set in October 2000.

The autopsy on Dobie basketball player John Alexander Hart showed a heart defect as the cause of death for the youth who died after collapsing during a Dobie varsity basketball game.

10 years ago (2007)
Wednesday, Jan. 2, marked the last day for potential candidates to file the necessary paperwork in order to meet the state deadline to appear on the March 4 Democratic and Republican primary election ballots. South Belt residents could be found on nearly every ballot from the smallest local races to national senatorial positions. Among these were Sagedown resident and former Clear Brook student Kevin Bazy who ran for the Republican nomination in the race for the 22nd Congressional District, Raymond Stewart and Sandra Woodard who ran for the Democratic nomination in the race for Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace and longtime Kirkmont resident Ruben Guerrero who ran for the Democratic nomination in the race for the position of judge in the 174th Criminal District.

The South Belt AARP chapter installed John Heckler as its new president for 2008. Heckler replaced outgoing president Charlene Knox. 2008 marked the 20th anniversary of the group.

Former longtime Kirkwood South resident Neil West was presented the 2007 Planning Commissioner of the Year Award at a state conference in Addison, north of Dallas.

The annual honor is bestowed by the Texas chapter of the American Planning Association. Now a resident of Green Tee, West had been a member of the City of Pearland Planning and Zoning Commission since being appointed in 2003. During his tenure, West had been instrumental in a number of city projects. Prior to his work in Pearland, West was also active in the immediate South Belt community. He was the founder of the South Belt Security Alliance and served as president of the Kirkwood South Homeowners Association. Additionally, West was treasurer of the San Jacinto College Foundation board and had been a longtime organizer of the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade. Following the APA conference, West was awarded the City of Pearland Certificate of Recognition at its city council meeting.

A loose pit bull once again terrorized members of the South Belt community, bringing attention to the policies of Harris County Animal Control. When deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office arrived at the scene in the 10900 block of Kirkbrush and were also threatened by the canine, they phoned the animal control office. The lone officer on duty said she would lose her job if she responded to a call where no one had actually been bitten by the animal. After dealing with the dog for roughly an hour, the deputies finally coaxed it back into its owner's yard. Following the incident, Detective Rick Holloman took the necessary steps to have the dog declared dangerous.

5 years ago (2012)
Harris County Precinct 2 Constable deputies busted a suspected marijuana growing operation in the 10300 block of Sageberry. Deputies responded to a call at roughly 8 p.m. after a neighbor called to report suspicious behavior at a residence that involved a U-Haul truck. Three men were at the residence when the deputies arrived. One of the men, Fernando Hernandez, reportedly consented to a search of his home, where deputies found large amounts of marijuana. In all, 12 pounds of marijuana was confiscated. Guinn said there were multiple signs that the house was used to grow the marijuana.

Dobie graduates Trevor Cobb and Christa Williams were named part of the inaugural class of 12 inductees for the new Pasadena Independent School District Athletics Hall of Fame. Cobb, Class of 1989, played nearly every sport offered at Dobie, but his performances as an elusive running back for the Longhorns quickly earned him a statewide reputation. Following high school, he signed with the Rice Owls and earned four letters. Cobb signed as a free agent with the Kansas City Chiefs and made the Chicago Bears' roster in 1994. He returned to Houston to form Helping Hands, a charitable organization that assists children with special needs. He was selected for the Rice Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998.

As for Williams, she arrived at Dobie for the 1992-1993 school year and instantly made an impact. That year, the University Interscholastic League, the official governing body of extracurricular activities in public schools, had given the go-ahead for the sport of softball to be played. In the early summer of 1993, Williams pitched Dobie to the state championship, then did so again in 1995. Opting to try out for the U.S. Olympic team, a successful endeavor, Williams did not pitch for Dobie in 1996. Instead, Williams won the first of two Olympic gold medals. At the time, she was the lone high school player on the Olympic team. Collegately, Williams pitched one year at UCLA before pitching three more seasons at the University of Texas from 1997 to 1999. Williams won a second gold medal with the U.S. Olympic team in 2000. She then pitched for several years in the professional softball ranks.

1 year ago (2016)
Santa Claus visited the South Belt community Thursday, Dec. 22, as he rode aboard a Southeast Volunteer Fire Department fire engine down various streets in the Kirkmont and Sagemeadow subdivisions. The fire truck stopped at Moore Elementary in the morning, allowing children to visit with Santa.

The *Leader* would like to thank Constable Chris Diaz, Lt. Mike Krizler, and Sgt. Robert Sanchez for their support in the Christmas Program along with the following for their support:

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- Pho Hai Van
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- Kwik Kar Wash
- Robbye G's Deli

And a special thanks to all the individuals and schools who helped make Christmas special for so many this year. You are great, God Bless you all!

CCISD releases Harvey report

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information on their most critical needs.

CCISD Cares collects and distributes funds and donation items contributed by hundreds of individuals, businesses, school districts and others, to ensure that basic needs of impacted families are being met.

For families of CCISD students who formally register with the district indicating they have been impacted or displaced, the donations received are typically processed and applied in one of two ways:

- Donations are turned around and used to purchase the actual items in need, such as shoes and underwear. The items are then supplied to the family; or
- Donations are converted into gift cards to Walmart to purchase food, clothing and essential supplies. Counselors record and distribute the gift cards directly to a registered family.

Lasting impacts
Harvey is far from the community's collective rear-view mirror. It is estimated that from one CCISD elementary school alone, there are 261 homes with no functional kitchen.

Emotional and mental health
Clear Creek ISD has added extra counseling and psychological support at campuses to further support students, restore a sense of security and a return to normalcy.

With many families still living on their second floor or with family, it is clear the historic storm's impacts will be felt for months, and even years, to come.

Other storm facts:

- Number of CCISD school buses used as evacuation vehicles: 10
- Number of CCISD schools used as shelters: 6
- Number of school days missed: 10
- CCISD campuses impacted by Harvey: 44 out of 45
- CCISD facility-related damages cost: \$19,476,533
- Estimated insurance reimbursement: \$8,685,558
- Estimated FEMA reimbursement: \$9,711,878
- Estimated out-of-pocket expense for CCISD: \$1,079,970

Looking forward
Joining school superintendents from the Gulf Coast area, CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith recently had the opportunity to testify to the Texas Senate Education Committee on the impacts and continuing needs among CCISD schools and students.

Smith's recommendations for the committee included the request to do whatever they can to expedite district access to funds from FEMA, that they pursue and support the construction of a coastal spine or barrier to protect not only lives and homes but also the oil and gas industry, and that they take steps to support better coordination with the Red Cross.

Individuals or organizations interested in helping to support CCISD families with their recovery needs may visit the website <https://www.ccisd.net/> to make a donation.

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BHI students share New Year's resolutions

The seventh-graders at Beverly Hills Intermediate shared their New Year's resolution letters.

Laura Mervine's class
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to achieve success in the school year. This is my resolution because I failed a lot this year, and I want to change that. I plan to have this achieved by studying hard and asking for help. The steps I will take to achieve my resolutions are tutorials, extra credit, and more work. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Devon Y.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to try to work out as best as I can. This is my resolution because I want to at least lose a little bit of weight. I plan to have this achieved by next year when we all go back to school. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are riding my bike, running around the block, and maybe doing some curl ups. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year's filled with accomplishment!

Jasmin S.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get ready for volleyball and practice on my skills because volleyball tryouts are going to get here soon and volleyball is my top priority. I plan to have this achieved by July of 2018 because that's when coach might have tryouts for volleyball and I want to be prepared. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are first get a volleyball then practice my severing outside. Second I will tell my brother to throw the ball at me so I can practice on my reflexes and on my footwork. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year's filled with accomplishment!

Natalia G.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get fit. This is my resolution because I don't like being unfit. I plan to have this achieved by working out. The step I will take to achieve my resolution are to not eat junk food. Then after being skinny, I will work out! Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Carlos P.
My New Year's resolution is to lose weight and get to the highest athletic point I can. I want to be the best athlete I can possibly be because I love athletics. It's just so fun to me and I want to work out as much as I can.

Jerry P.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be better than I have been. This is my resolution because I have been getting in trouble. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are not get in trouble and have good grades. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Jacob N.
My New Year's resolution is to start going to the gym again and do my makeup more. This is my resolution because I need to work out more because I haven't been and I want to do my makeup more

because I have a lot of palettes but I don't use them often. I plan to have this achieved by February 11. The steps I will take to achieve my resolutions are to constantly complain to my brother to take me [to the gym], and I'll put my makeup on my desk where I have my clothes. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Marilyn M.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is not to pick as many fights with my brother. This is my resolution because I would always be getting in trouble for fighting with my brother. I plan to have this achieved by December 14. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to exercise daily and to schedule my time all day every day. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Sandy R.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be more scheduled and a little more fit. This is my resolution because it will help me a lot on my time and my figure. I plan to have this achieved by the end of February. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to exercise daily and to schedule my time all day every day. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Maya G.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to eat healthy. This is my resolution because I want to lose weight. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are eating healthy. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Adrianna T.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be more helpful, at least try to be. This is my resolution because my always need help and so do others. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution is to help my friends. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Livia L.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to log 1,000 hours of playing Nintendo Switch. This is my resolution because I really enjoy playing on my console. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to make a chart for how many hours I will play each month. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Andres A.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is getting good grades. This is my resolution because I want to pass 7th grade. I plan to have this achieved by May 2018. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to study more. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Mariana P.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get the best grades I can. This is my resolution because I don't have the best grades at the moment. I plan to achieve this by

doing my best. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are not play around as much. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Keshaud C.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to make As and Bs for the rest of the school year. This steps I will take to achieve my resolution are study a lot and read more books. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Kennedy B.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to pass the 7th grade. This is my resolution because I want to go to the 8th grade. I plan to have this achieved by getting good grades. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to pass all my classes throughout the whole year. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Sofia E.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to make better grades in reading and be better at home. This is my resolution because I have been getting Cs on reading and mean at home. I plan to have this achieved by the end of 2018. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution re study and practice more for reading and clean my room and act better at home. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Nhi D.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to compete level 6 in gymnastics. This is my resolution because I want to do really well when that time comes around. I plan to have this achieved at the end of December or beginning of January. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to keep trying, never give up, and stay positive. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Mia S.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get better at talking with my mom. This is my resolution because in the past I wanted to tell her a lot of stuff but I was scared to. I plan to have this achieved by being more open with her. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are first being open with my mom more. Then being on my phone less and lastly listening to what she says. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Janae T.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to learn a new language. This is my resolution because I think is a beautiful language to learn. I plan to have this achieve my resolution are starting with the "easy" words. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Sully C.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get better in sports. This is my resolution because I like sports. I plan to achieve this by training. The steps I will take to achieve this are going to the gym more. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year

filled with accomplishment!

Gabe H.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to spend more time with my family. This is my resolution because my family works and I barely see them. I plan to have this achieved by December 2018. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution is go to places with my family. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Gabriel S.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be commended on the STAAR. This is my resolution because I know I can do it. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to pass all my classes throughout the whole year. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Victor H.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to become a better athlete. This is my resolution because I would like to get better at the sports I play. I plan to have this achieved by practicing and working hard. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution is to practice a lot. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!

Marvin R.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to try and get better at basketball. This is my resolution because I want to make the A team in 8th grade. I plan to have this achieved by the beginning of the next school year during tryouts.

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Valencias celebrate 40th wedding anniversary



Maria Cecilia Valencia and Jose Javier Valencia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Dec. 24. The couple were married on December 24, 1977, at the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church in Queens, New York. The couple moved to Houston in 1981 and have lived in the South Belt area for the last 14 years. They are parents to twin daughters, Carolina Valencia Salazar and Jacqueline Valencia Mendez, both of whom are married with children.



They have four beautiful grandchildren: Luna Salazar, Stella Salazar, Gabriela Mendez and Lucas Mendez. Javier is the maintenance director at a local catholic church. Cecilia is retired and enjoying her grandchildren. Both are actively involved in the church, enjoy reading, traveling and dancing salsa. They have said the secret to their marriage is faith, patience and lots of laughter in the home. Photos submitted

Frazier holds Health Fair



Frazier held its annual health fair on Tuesday, Dec. 19, with 29 vendors in attendance. Parents and community members who attended the health fair were also treated to Christmas music performances by Frazier's third- and fourth-graders. Shown, above, with H-E-Buddy are, left to right, Alana Baulch, Leah Love and Amiya Love. Shown, below, are the Hernandez family members who stopped by Peggy Evans' Melaleuca booth to learn more about healthy living. Pictured are, left to right, Anadali Hernandez, Peggy Evans, Alyzza Hernandez, Juan Hernandez and Abdiel Hernandez. Photos submitted



Morris class writes resolutions

A class of sixth graders from Morris Middle School has written New Year's Resolution letters.

Tina Jimenez's class
My New Year's resolution is to get my grades HIGHER!

Arianna
My New Year's resolution is to make all A's and B's until the end of the year.

Jamiyah
My New Year's resolution is to work on losing weight and graphic design.

Vy
My New Year's resolutions are to try to eat healthier and not eat so much junk food. I would also like to remember to do all my homework.

Nico
My New Year's resolution is to get better grades.

Matison
My New Year's resolution is to be nicer to people.

Scott
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to lose at least 10 pounds because I need to lose a couple of pounds.

Oscar
My New Year's resolution is to make straight A's.

Emily
My New Year's resolution is to lose weight and be a good and nice person.

Kasie
My New Year's resolution is to spend more time on my hobbies.

Cindy
My New Year's resolution is to get more friends.

Jacob
My New Year's resolution is to make my own comic!

Duyen
My New Year's resolution is to become a more loving and caring person.

Kayla
My New Year's resolution is to become a kinder and nicer person.

Jaclin
My New Year's resolution is to eat healthier and gain more weight.

Trinity
My New Year's resolution for 2018 is to eat less junk food.

Arianna
My New Year's resolution is to be a better friend.

Dylan
My New Year's resolution for 2018 is to get along better with my little 8 year old brother.

Emily
My New Year's resolution for 2018 is to be nicer to my brother.

Victor
My New Year's resolution for 2018 is to make all A's...mostly in math.

Christina

Thompson students write New Year's resolution letters

Students from Thompson Intermediate submitted New Year's Resolution letters.

Stephen Lestarjette's class
My new year's resolution is to become a little more confident, take some chances, and meet new people. I also want to read more books and learn to understand higher level books.

Tatyana W.
This year I want to get stronger, bigger, and taller. Also, I want to watch what I eat.

Juan E.
My news resolution is to become a better person that actually takes chances in life and gets in trouble for what she believes in, not just because she wants to be rebel or something. I want to do stuff I believe in and change people for the better. I want to go back to my old happy self, like how I was before I moved to Houston. I want a healthy relationship with my family and friends and get rid of the fake people in my life that make me who I am now.

Julianna G.
I'm going to eat, sleep, and have a party. That's what I'm going to do.

Neven H.
My New Year's resolution is to act like my age; I act really childish and irresponsible. I also want to get my work done so I build a better future for myself.

Ca'Terria J.
This coming year, I would like to stay on top of my school work and be more organized!

Madison L.
My New Year's resolutions are to read more and be outside more. I also want to try to stand up for myself.

Daniel N.
I want to get stronger and taller so I can be on B-team in football. That is my resolution.

Cole P.
My New Year's resolution is to get better grades, sleep more, eat more, and pass 7th grade.

Destiny R.
My New Year's resolution is to get good grades. I would also like to have fun with my friends.

Jennifer S.
I want to get good grades and be a better person.

Star S.
For my New Year's resolution, I would like to bring my grades up, be on time, and try to have perfect

attendance. I also would like to finish all the books I'm reading on Wattpad (over 120) and work on my art some more.

Ashley S.
My New Year's resolution is to not get in trouble.

Camden T.
I want to be able to get good grades and make money on my own.

Talaysia H.
For my New Year's resolution, I am going to say "thank you" to all my friends and family for giving me a great year. I am also going to hug everybody to make a new start.

Rebekah L.
For the new year, I'm going to try and stay out of trouble because I want to go to the Career and Technical High School. I also want to help my family out a lot more.

Evan M.
I am going to be on the A- or B-team next year for football. I want to bench and work out more.

Kendon S.
For next year, I'm going to try my best to behave at home and at school. I was bad this year, I need to be good next year. Also, I want to get a good grade so I make my family happy. If I have a really high grade, in the future, I can go into a great college and after I finish college, I can get a better job to take care of my family.

Joseph V.
I want to buy Playstation games. I want to buy an Xbox One S.

Carlos D.
My New Year's resolution is that I want to raise money to buy new clothes and other stuff that I want. I'm also actually going to try to make more healthy choices with my food.

Gabby G.
My New Year's resolution is to be nice to all my teachers and to not argue or take my phone out. I know I haven't been respectful, and I haven't really listened to any of my teachers when they say to put my phone up. But I will try to achieve this goal.

Marianna G.
I want to visit my father sooner or later because it's snowing over there and maybe spend some family time. I want to go to Mexico to visit my other grandparents; I haven't seen them in a long time.

Marianna H.
For my New Year's resolution I want to eat healthy, have better grades, and be way better at everything; I want to be nicer better to a lot of people. The next thing I want for my New Year's resolution is to

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Moore receives dictionaries



On behalf of the Pasadena Rotary Club, Gary and Anita Nickelson presented dictionaries to all third-graders at Moore Elementary. The students will be able to use these dictionaries in class and take them home. Shown are, left to right, Gary Nickelson, Michael Johnson, Marley Tillman and Anita Nickelson. Photo by Angelica Moreno-Perez

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Leader remembers highlights of 2017

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Feb. 23

The Dobie Academic Decathlon team excelled at the state competition, held in San Antonio from Feb. 23-26. The Longhorn team took home fourth place overall in the tournament and second place in Super Quiz, answering 34 of 36 questions correctly. Individual medal winners from Dobie include Christine Perry (Varsity Division: first place in literature and third place in essay), Adrian De Los Santos (Varsity Division: third place in literature and third place in art), Bill Huynh (Honors Division: second place in social science and third place in literature) and Jay Do (Scholastic Division: first place in interview). De Los Santos was awarded fourth place overall individual in the Varsity Division, earning him a \$1,500 scholarship. Dobie Coach Steven Higginbotham was named the Academic Decathlon Coach of the Year for the state of Texas at the event. A member of the 1995 Dobie Decathlon team under the direction of former Dobie Decathlon Coach Richard Golenko (another Coach of the Year recipient), Higginbotham (now retired) consistently led his students to victory, claiming multiple regional and state titles since taking the reins in 2006.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 33rd annual installation banquet on Thursday, Feb. 23. Newly elected Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis served as guest speaker at the event. Dr. Victor Van Phan, an orthopedic surgeon from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, was named the chamber's Citizen of the Year. The previous year at the chamber's annual top-10 graduate luncheon, Phan, 1988 Dobie graduate, pledged to donate \$10,000 annually in scholarship funds to local students. Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital CEO Kyle Preston accepted the award on Phan's behalf, as he was unable to attend the function due to a scheduling conflict with one of his children's events. The Chairman's Award was presented to Rebecca Lilley, who serves as director of Physician Resources at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Lilley serves on several boards and non-profit groups, and the hospital has flourished under her direction, taking home multiple awards and honors.

Houston City Council announced Wednesday, Feb. 22, it withdrew its support for the proposed development of The Kirkway, a subsidized apartment complex that would have been located on the north side of Beltway 8 between Beamer and Sabo, following outcry from community leaders who opposed the development. The issue of government-subsidized housing has long been a controversial one in the South Belt community. A primary concern is the high concentration of existing low-income apartment complexes already in the area. There are currently at least 10 government-subsidized apartment complexes between Alameda Mall and Dixie Farm Road. Low-income developments also traditionally put an extra strain on local fire departments and law enforcement agencies. According to officials from the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, the subsidized Highland Meadow Village apartment complex has roughly five times more annual calls for police and ambulance service than single-family residences in the community.

March 2
Dobie High School inducted four alumni and one former coach into its Hall of Honor at a celebration held Friday, Feb. 24. Distinguished alumni include pediatrician, Dr. Barbara Taylor-Cox (Class of 1977), U.S. Coast Guard veteran, Cmdr. Jonathan Carter (Class of 1995), Houston Rockets executive, Gersson Rosas (Class of 1996) and coffee shop entrepreneur, David Buehrer (Class of 2002). Former Dobie tennis coach Bobby Kramer is the sole faculty member to be honored. The new group of inductees brought the total number of alumni, former faculty members and community volunteers who have been selected for the Hall of Honor to 40. The Dobie Hall of Honor program was launched in 2013.

March 9
Lomax Middle School Principal Norma Penny and Lewis Career and Technical High School Principal Steve Fleming were selected as

the 2017 Elementary/Middle and Secondary Principal of the Year, respectively, by the Pasadena Independent School District. PISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dee-Ann Powell and several district administrators delivered the news Monday, March 6, by surprising the honorees at their campuses. The winners were selected by district and campus administrators. Penny has been at Pasadena ISD for more than 20 years, serving first as a teacher and then a counselor at Miller Intermediate. In 2003, she took a position as an assistant principal of Thompson Intermediate before ultimately taking her current role as principal of Carter Lomax in 2007. Fleming has been making an impact on the students of Pasadena ISD since 1989. He began his career as a science teacher at Pasadena High and took an administrative role as an instructional specialist in 2000. Fleming changed roles again when he served as an assistant principal at Pasadena Memorial from 2003-2011. In 2011, he took on his current position, becoming the first principal of Pasadena ISD's career and technical high school, Lewis CTHS. The pair was honored at a recognition ceremony on Wednesday, April 5.

A gunshot was fired during an armed robbery at the Liquor Depot store in the 11600 block of Beltway 8 at Sabo Road. According to police, the suspect entered the store around 8:20 p.m., produced a pistol and demanded cash from the register. As the crook was leaving the establishment with an undisclosed amount of money, the liquor store owner followed him outside and attempted to take his photo with a cell phone. At this point, the suspect turned around and fired his weapon at the store owner. The owner was not struck by the gunshot, but the shooter's bullet shattered the window of the adjacent business, Great Clips hair salon. No immediate arrests were made.

March 16
San Jacinto College was named as one of 10 finalists for the prestigious 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's pre-eminent recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. The prize has been awarded every two years since 2011 by the Aspen Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based educational and policy studies organization which recognizes outstanding institutions selected from an original pool of more than 1,000 public community colleges nationwide. The focus of the prize is assessing community colleges' achievements in terms of student success in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings for graduates and access and success for minority and low-income students.

March 23
A man died after being found unresponsive at an apartment complex located at 1400 Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway on Tuesday, March 21. Patrol officers and paramedics responded to the call around 10:45 p.m. after receiving reports of the man collapsing after having an altercation with a female. The man was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. According to witnesses, the man appeared to be impaired on an unknown substance prior to and during the altercation. The female was detained at the scene but was questioned and released, pending further investigation. Medical examiners later determined that Christopher Anderson's death was caused by a combined toxicity of cocaine, methamphetamine and phencyclidine.

March 30
Strong winds ripped through the South Belt area late Friday, March 24, and early Saturday, March 25, causing extensive damage to several area homes and businesses. The worst of the damage was focused at the intersection of Sagegreen and Sagevale in the Sageglen subdivision, where the storms snapped several trees in half, destroyed fences, tore bricks off homes, knocked a chimney off a house and caused a garage to collapse on a vehicle. Despite multiple reports online that attributed the damage to a tornado, the National Weather Service said the local destruction was likely caused by straight-line winds. According to the

NWS, winds of 35 mph, with gusts of 45 mph, were recorded. Several area homes were left without power following the storm. No injuries were reported.

Neal Brownlee and Adriana Robinson were named assistant principals for Dobie High School at the Pasadena Independent School District board meeting Tuesday, March 28. Brownlee had been with the district 19 years, first serving as a special education and physical education teacher at Southmore Intermediate, before becoming assistant principal at Kendrick Middle School. A 2005 Dobie graduate, Robinson had been with the district six years, first serving as a social studies, science and special education teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate, before working as a peer facilitator at Roberts Middle School. Brownlee replaced longtime Dobie assistant principal Donna Branch, who was promoted to assistant athletics director earlier in the year, and Robinson replaced Ryan Peel, who was promoted to dean of the Dobie Early College program the previous year.

April 6
The South Belt community was struck by fierce storms for the second time in less than a week.

While the first storm, which primarily took place early March 25, caused extensive wind damage, the second storm, which whipped through the area the afternoon of March 29, resulted in rampant flooding throughout the community. High water was reported throughout the South Belt area, including on major thoroughfares, such as Hughes Road, Hall Road and Fuqua. Several drivers were forced to seek higher ground, as many streets were impassable, especially in smaller vehicles. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the rain gauge at the Beamer Ditch at Hughes Road recorded 2.84 inches of rainfall during the peak of the storm. Despite the large amount of rain, the Leader heard no reports of houses flooding.

April 13
Following months of complaints from residents and an extensive police investigation, the controversial convenience store located at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes Road was demolished the afternoon of Monday, April 10, after being closed for several weeks. According to investigators from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the store, along with several others in the Houston area under the same ownership, were allegedly selling large quantities of Kush, a synthetic marijuana product. An investigation conducted by Precinct 2's Special Operations Division and a special unit from the Houston Police Department determined three area stores were part of the citywide ring, including a store in the 500 block of FM 1959 (Dixie Farm Road) and a previously closed store on the Gulf Freeway, in addition to the store located at the corner of Beamer and Hughes. A search warrant was executed on all three stores on Wednesday, March 29. The raid on the Dixie Farm store resulted in a large seizure of Kush and multiple arrests. Investigators believe the store at Beamer and Hughes had been previously vacated as the result of heavy police presence.

A ribbon-cutting took place Saturday, April 8, at El Franco Lee Park commemorating the opening of the park's new splash pad. The event was hosted by Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis, along with other county officials. The splash pad was the last project the late El Franco Lee promised the South Belt community.

An 8-year-old girl with ties to the South Belt community died early Saturday, April 8, following a car accident in League City. According to police, Kelsey Nalepa was sitting in the back seat of her family's stopped car in the 2600 block of West Main when another vehicle struck them from behind. Nalepa was taken by Life Flight to the hospital, where she later died. Nalepa was the daughter of Marcus and Nicole Nalepa. Marcus Nalepa is a former Dobie coach, and Nicole (Myers) Nalepa is a 1995 Dobie graduate and played on the 1993 and 1995 state championship softball teams. Erika Diebel, 41, was charged with intoxication manslaughter for his involvement in the accident.

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Dec. 28 – Dobie varsity boys at Conroe Classic

Dec. 28-30 – Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill ISD Bayou Classic

Dec. 28-30 – Brook varsity girls at Barbers Hill ISD Bayou Classic

Dec. 28-30 – Brook varsity boys at Pasadena ISD Eric Medina Memorial Invitational

At right, Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball player Kendrick Christian (5) helped his team to a victory over Clear Falls in the District 24-6A opener Dec. 19. After a stop at Clear Creek Dec. 22, the Wolverines will play in the Pasadena ISD Eric Medina Memorial event Dec. 28-30.



Year in review inside

The damage and destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey in late August will be remembered forever, but it did little to take away from all of the reasons for celebration on the South Belt area sports scene. With 2018 quickly approaching, the Leader is taking one last look at some of 2017's joys. **Continued on Page 2B**

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The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is now accepting online registration for the spring 2018 season, and there are a few in-person dates for those who prefer to do business that way. Children ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2013 and Jan. 1, 2015) will be eligible to register for \$125 per player, and those ages 5 to 16 (born between Sept. 2001 and Aug. 13, 2017) may register for \$200 per player. Those who want to register online may do so at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. The in-person registration dates include Saturday, Jan. 6 and Saturday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. both days. The in-person sessions will all be held at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. SBHLL will again host the Longhorns' Challenger Division team this season for those with physical and/or mental disabilities. Those aged 5 to 16 will have the opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball in a fun, safe and structured environment. All registrants must provide three forms of proof of residency (driver's license, voter's registration card, school records, tax records, etc.). With questions regarding sign-up or other league information, direct email to sbhll@hotmail.com. The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 2018 regular season will get started in March. For more league information about SBHLL, visit www.eteamz.com.sbhll.



Alejandra Magana (20) and her Dobie Lady Longhorn teammates will begin the 2018 varsity soccer season with an appearance at the Waller ISD Invitational. Photo by Nick Tamayo

Tournaments highlight high school soccer start

The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team will head to the field at the 2018 Pasadena ISD Cup as the high school soccer season takes to the pitch beginning Jan. 4. The Longhorns first defended their PISD Cup title last season and then won the District 22-6A title for the third straight time. Dobie capped its brilliant season by beating Channelview for the Region III championship and advancing to state for the first time in program history. At this year's PISD Cup, Dobie will play three games at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, including Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. against Goose Creek Memorial. On Jan. 5, Dobie will face George Ranch at 10 a.m., followed by an 8 a.m. contest against MacArthur Jan. 6. The Dobie varsity girls' team is set to begin its season Jan. 4-6 at the Humble ISD Invitational. Meanwhile, the Clear Brook varsity boys will be in Katy ISD's showcase.

Deer Park's Massey chooses retirement

Deer Park High School head coach of the Deer, Massey advanced Deer Park's varsity team to the postseason 12 times. His overall record at Deer Park is 95-56-1. Massey was expected to have interest in Deer Park ISD's upcoming athletic director vacancy, with longtime AD Jerry Creel set to retire soon.

Wilson's career closes Mount Union denies UMHB's repeat title

Dobie High School graduate Reggie Wilson played in his final collegiate game as his Mary Hardin-Baylor football team came up a bit short in its quest for a repeat national title. Mount Union, securing its 13th national championship, defeated UMHB 12-0 Dec. 15 in Stagg Bowl XLV in Salem, Virginia. Wilson's Cru squad, the 2016 NCAA Division III national title winner, entered play with 29 straight wins and was bidding for a second straight title. Instead, UMHB trailed for the first time all season and saw its season end at 14-1. Mount Union wound up at 15-0. UMHB was shut out for the first time since the 1998 season. In the final NCAA Division III poll of the season, Mount Union finished at No. 1, followed by UMHB at No. 2. While Wilson, a safety who is majoring in criminal justice, has completed his career, Dobie graduate Reginald Cole and Clear Brook graduate De'Andre Jackson are both expected to return in 2018.

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Sports Calendar

Early 2017 – what a successful start for many athletes

BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 28

Dobie varsity boys at Conroe Classic, TBA
Brook varsity boys at Pasadena H.S. invit., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill Invitational, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Barbers Hill Invitational, TBA

Friday, Dec. 29

Brook varsity boys at Pasadena H.S. invit., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill Invitational, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Barbers Hill Invitational, TBA

Saturday, Dec. 30

Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill Invitational, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Barbers Hill Invitational, TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Dobie varsity girls host South Houston, 1:00
Dobie JV girls host South Houston, 11:30 a.m.
Dobie freshman A girls host South Houston, 10 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 5

Brook varsity boys at Friendswood, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Rayburn, 1:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Friendswood, 5:00
Brook JV girls host Friendswood, 3:30
Brook JV boys at Friendswood, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at Rayburn, 11:30 a.m.
Dobie JV boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys at Friendswood, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys at Friendswood, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls host Friendswood, 2:00
Dobie freshman A boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 5:30
Dobie freshman A girls at Rayburn, 10 a.m.
Brook freshman B boys at Friendswood, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 5:30

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Brook varsity boys host Clear Lake, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Pasadena, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys at Pasadena, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Clear Creek, 5:00
Brook JV girls host Clear Creek, 3:30
Brook JV boys host Clear Lake, 5:30
Dobie JV girls host Pasadena, 5:30
Dobie JV boys at Pasadena, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys at Pasadena, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Lake, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys host Clear Lake, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls host Pasadena, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys host Clear Lake, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys at Pasadena, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls host Pasadena, 4:00

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Thompson 7th Dark boys at Queens, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light boys at Queens, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark boys at Queens, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light boys at Queens, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark girls hosts Queens, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light girls hosts Queens, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark girls hosts Queens, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light girls hosts Queens, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys host Park View, 5:00
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Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at Park View, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at Park View, 6:15

SOCCER

Thursday, Dec. 28

Dobie varsity boys host Conroe scrimm., Veterans, 2:00

Friday, Dec. 29

Dobie varsity girls at Alvin scrimmage, noon
Dobie JV girls at Alvin scrimmage, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Dobie varsity boys at Klein scrimmage, 2:00

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Brook varsity boys host Texas City scrimmage, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys host May. Creek scrimm, Vet., 6:00
Brook varsity girls at Texas City scrimmage, 5:00
Brook JV boys host Texas City scrimmage, 5:00
Brook JV girls at Texas City scrimmage, 5:00

Thursday, Jan. 4 through Saturday, Jan. 6

Brook varsity boys at Katy Showcase, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Humble Invitational, TBA
Dobie varsity boys host Pasadena ISD Cup, TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Waller Classic, TBA

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Without further ado, here is a look at some of the greatest moments in sports within the South Belt area through April 2017.

January

Another season, another Pasadena ISD Cup championship for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team.

With wins over MacArthur, Friendswood and Alief Taylor, the Longhorns claimed their second PISD Cup championship in three seasons. The Longhorns also played in the title game in 2016.

"You always want to test your depth and see where you are," Dobie head coach Justo Manrique said. "Right now, we have to feel good about the way we played." Perhaps the Cup capture was a sign of wonderful things to come later in the season.

Dobie High School graduate and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football player Blake Jackson was featured in the newest edition of Sports Illustrated magazine.

Jackson was included in the "Faces In The Crowd" section of the January 9 edition of the magazine.

Jackson, a senior quarterback who was a three-year starter at Dobie, was named Most Outstanding Player in the Cru's 10-7 victory over Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the 2016 Stagg Bowl.

He threw for 171 yards and ran for 119 yards and UMHB's only touchdown to lead the Cru to its first national championship.

Earlier in the season, Jackson was named an All-American, earned South Region Offensive Player of the Year honors and was also named American Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade boys' basketball team won the division championship at the annual San Jacinto Intermediate Invitational, posting a 4-0 record.

Members of the team were Calvin Geans, Elijah Robinson, Michael Medina, Ke'mauri Millender, Isaiah Romo, Isaac Cortez, Geraldo Escamilla, Jonathan Torres, Robert Byrd, Zaire Walker and Conlie Christmas.

The Lions opened the tournament by dropping La Porte 37-28 as Walker pumped in 21 points and Millender added 18.

In a 47-42 win over Berry Miller in the next round, Millender led the way with 21 points, with Walker dropping in 16 more. Thompson bounced Bondy 55-10 in the semifinals as Millender (20 points) and Christmas (18 points) paced the offensive attack.

Against Rodeo Palms in the championship game, Millender capped a terrific tournament with a game-high 24 points as the Lions won 60-39, with Walker adding 18 points.

If locals recognized a familiar face on ESPN early in January, then most likely it was Elton Dyer of San Jacinto College basically jumping over a T-hono O'odham Community College player to make the shot that eventually led to his team's win.

That jump landed Dyer the No. 4 spot on ESPN's Dunk of the Week. Dyer is a South Houston High School graduate.

Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks, a junior on the University of Houston baseball team, received American Athletic Conference Preseason Baseball Team status along with two of his Cougar teammates.

A junior, Julks was joined on that AAC honor squad by Cougars' star pitching prospect Josh Romero and power-hitting infielder/designated hitter Joe Davis.

Julks and Romero were then selected in the 2016 Major League Baseball June Amateur draft, with Julks going to the Houston

Astros.

The Dobie varsity girls' soccer team opened 2017 with an impressive 1-0 win over Clear Brook but then suffered a pair of shutout losses at the Humble Invitational the first week of January.

Playing the final game of the opening day of the tournament, Dobie and Clear Brook went head-to-head in very cold conditions at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium.

"We dominated the majority of the possession in the game, and that's a major focus for us this season," Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald said.

"We moved the ball well, but got a little tunnel vision in terms of style of play. We need to have more versatility on the attacking end, but I'm confident we will work it out in time. We wanted a few more goals, but we're happy with the win."

Over the final two games, Dobie faced a pair of legitimate playoff contenders in Atascocita and Klein Collins, dropping both.

Career victory No. 100 was truly special for Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach Justo Manrique as the Longhorns delivered the milestone win courtesy of a 2-0 victory over 2016 Class 6A state finalist Lake Travis during the second weekend of the regular season at Lake Travis High School. After two tournaments to begin the season, the Longhorns stood at 5-0-1.

With two wins at the Port Neches Groves Invitational the same weekend, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team stood at 3-4 overall.

Dobie found itself in the mix at the Port Neches-Groves Invitational, losing games to host PNG and Jasper, both coming against very good competition.

PNG, which defeated Dobie 3-0, made its way to the Class 5A Region III semifinals in 2016. Jasper, which downed Dobie 3-1, was the Class 4A state finalist the same season.

After those losses, the Lady Longhorns came back to defeat Victoria West 2-0. In the tournament finale for Dobie, a 6-1 rout came over Livingston.

More than 500 student-athletes from 13 member institutions have been recognized by the American Southwest Conference on its 2016 Fall All-Academic honor roll.

The list of honorees from the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor includes three Dobie High School graduates and members of the Cru's 2016 NCAA Division III national championship squad, including quarterback Blake Jackson and receivers Reginald Cole and Michael Collins.

The teams were announced by the ASC office in January and also included men's and women's cross-country, football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball.

To be eligible for ASC All-Academic honors, student-athletes must be classified academically as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student during the competition season and have been in attendance and completed at least one academic year (two consecutive semesters) at their institution.

Dobie High School girls' track and field head coach Tina Knight-Gray announced she was resigning her position with the Lady Longhorns in order to become the girls' athletic coordinator and girls' track and field coach at Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown.

Knight-Gray assumed the role of girls' athletic coordinator at Lee following the retirement of her husband, Terry Gray, who had also been the Lady Ganders' varsity girls' basketball head coach.

At Dobie, Mo Hickman was named to replace Knight-Gray as the interim head coach of the Lady

Longhorns. Hickman remains the Dobie girls' cross-country head coach. Roughly halfway through the varsity basketball races, the squads at Dobie and Clear Brook held firm in their quest for a playoff berth.

In the 24-6A varsity boys' race, Dickinson led the way at 8-0, with Clear Brook tied with Clear Lake at 6-2.

In the 22-6A varsity girls' race, Deer Park (8-0) defeated Dobie in the first round to maintain a one game lead over the Lady Longhorns (7-1).

Meanwhile, South Houston (8-0) and Dobie (7-1) began to pull away from the rest of the field in the District 22-6A varsity boys' race.

It was a good but not great start for the San Jacinto College women's softball team, which won two of its five games at the season-opening Galveston College Invitational the last weekend of the month.

Kaitlin Rivera pitched a two-hit shutout over seven innings as San Jacinto opened the tournament with a 1-0 win over Baton Rouge.

From that point on, the locals mustered a 9-7 victory over UH-Victoria after plating a pair of runs in the top of the seventh inning.

San Jac also endured a 9-1 loss to Chipola, a 7-3 loss to Tyler and a 7-4 defeat against Wallace State. In those games, the Coyotes' pitching simply could not get enough big outs.

The locals opened the season ranked ninth in the preseason poll by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Traveling all the way to Corpus Christi to send a message that winning football resides in Houston, the Southbelt Dolphins' 12-under tournament football team dominated the competition at the Southern Battle, winning three games over two days and a huge trophy to boot.

The Dolphins, which included a majority of players from the Bay Area Football League's fall season team, outscored three opponents by a combined 79-6 to capture top honors in Corpus Christi.

Dominic Serna scored multiple offensive touchdowns and also scored on defense and special teams.

Teague Sedtal threw three touchdown passes, and other standouts for the Dolphins included Alexander Garcia, Dylan Dixon, Isaac Sanchez, Jacob Caballero, Matthew Castillo, Demonte Seymour, Edward Lara and Dreshon Downey.



Four-year starter Jade Giron led the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team in scoring as she guided her team to the 22-6A co-championship and a bidistrict playoff win and went on to capture the league's Defensive Player of the Year award.

At the Southern Battle in Corpus Christi, the tournament also included teams from Yokum, San Antonio, Abilene and San Marcos.

Games were of 40 minutes in duration but included a continuously-running clock to keep players fresh over the two-day event.

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team kept putting together quite a memorable season toward the end of the regular season.

At 21-0, the Ravens were ranked No. 4 in the nation, with top-ranked South Plains having held the top spot for the previous eight weeks.

Jordan Duffy led the way at 18.3 points per game, with teammate Corey Davis, now at the University of Houston, at 17.3. Tay Hardy averaged 12.7 points per game.

The San Jacinto College baseball team, which opened the regular season at No. 2 in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll, cruised to a pair of wins on opening weekend at Tyler Junior College.

Sergio Macias went 3 for 3 with a grand slam and six runs driven in, and Mario Morales homered twice as San Jac got out of the gate with a 22-1 win over Centenary College at Tyler.

A day later, the Gators dropped defending Division III national champion Tyler 5-3, using a three-run first inning as the springboard to victory.

Nick Perez had a solo homer in the game, and three pitchers combined to hold the Apache offense largely in check.

Days prior to the start of the regular season, the San Jacinto baseball team attended a ribbon-cutting celebrating the opening of the Gators' state-of-the-art indoor training facility on the North campus, a facility built largely courtesy of donations made by former SJC and Major League Baseball player Andy Pettitte.

February

It all came down to this one game, and the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team finished off its best regular season since 2009-2010 with a bang.

Four-year starter Jade Giron, playing in her final regular season game, had 28 points as the Lady Longhorns defeated Deer Park 53-46, at Deer Park High School.

With the win, Dobie tied the Lady Deer atop the 22-6A standings at 13-1, the two teams having defeated one another once each.

Following the game, there was a coin flip to

decide the top seed in District 22-6A for the playoffs. Dobie won that flip and advanced on as the No. 1 seed, taking on the No. 4 seed out of District 21-6A, which turned out to be Kingwood.

From a district record standpoint, the Lady Longhorns' 13-1 finish along with the co-championship was the program's best since the 2009-2010 team went 15-1 in District 22-5A, losing to Deer Park once at home (55-51).

In the big picture, the Dobie swimming program came up with one of the finest seasons in school history.

Meanwhile, South Houston's Alejandro Cruz showed the way for the Trojans, qualifying for a pair of regional finals.

At Dobie, the Longhorns landed each of their six relay teams in the regional for the first time in program history.

Dobie started its run at the District 22-6A Championships at Deer Park, with the boys finishing second as a team behind Deer Park.

The Lady Longhorns, conversely, finished third behind Deer Park and La Porte. At regionals, each of the school's relay teams bettered their previous best times of the season.

"Our program sure has come a long way," Dobie swimming coach Bradley Nguyen said.

"We are not at the level of getting someone into the top two in the region and getting a state berth yet, but we continue to improve.

The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Francesca Arellano, Madison Caballero, Allie Parker and Rebecca Shaffer, having placed second at district, wound up setting a new school record twice, first in the regional preliminaries and then again in the finals en route to 12th place.

The same four athletes competed for the Lady Longhorns in the 200-yard medley relay. Also second at district, Arellano, Caballero, Parker and Shaffer combined to place 13th at regionals.

In the girls' 400-yard freestyle relay, the Lady Longhorns employed Lisa Luna, Jenna Rodriguez, Sophia Colmenares and Shaffer in finishing second at the 22-6A Championships and 14th at regionals.

From a regional standpoint, the Dobie boys also stood out in several events.

The boys' 200-yard medley relay team of David Lukner, Samuel Parker, Joshua Woernley and Victor Nguyen, which took second at district, parlayed that into a 13th-place finish at regionals.

Dobie's 400-yard freestyle relay group, which included Alford Sears, Brian Sharpe, Daniel Shaffer and Matthew Willhoite at regionals, placed 16th. The group first took second place at the district meet.

And the Longhorns' 200-yard freestyle relay group, made up of Sears, Sharpe, Shaffer and Willhoite, placed second at the 22-6A meet and then took 10th in the regional meet.

Individually, Dobie's Lukner was the District 22-6A champion in the 100-yard backstroke. At regionals, he went on to place 15th.

Perhaps the 2016 Dobie varsity football season didn't go exactly as planned, but that did nothing to deter the just rewards for 11 and possibly more of the team's senior players.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, National Signing Day across the country, the Dobie varsity football program entertained its largest signing class in school history.

Eleven players and their families, the Dobie coaching staff and members of the school's administration were all in on the fun as the players inked their letters of intent, securing their collegiate future after



Taylor Pleasants socked a grand slam in the season opener as the Dobie varsity softball team defeated Dawson 6-4. She then guided the team to the post-season with a huge offensive year at the plate.

high school graduation.

Dobie's varsity football signing included Keith Armstead, Jacoby Davis and Jeremy Davis (Missouri Southern State University); Westley Crooms and Breon Simmons (Hardin-Simmons University); Kyle Saunders and Broderick Martin (Nichols College); Jordan Shae (Alderson Broaddus University); Brandon Flores (Garden City Community College); Ke'Montre Lowe-Ali (Tarleton State University) and Sincere Crear (Benedictine College).

It was an incredible and humbling afternoon to see these young men celebrate with their families," said then Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman.

A 10-game winning streak had the San Jacinto College women's basketball team enjoying a stay in the national rankings with the 2017 regular season winding down to the regional tournament.

Ariona Gill had 14 points as the Lady Gators defeated Panola 71-60 Feb. 4 for the team's 10th straight win. SJC sat at 18-5 and in great shape to make a strong push in the postseason.

Jasmine James, Eryka Sidney and Alexis Jones helped guide the team along with Gill as the Lady Gators eventually reached the National Junior College Athletic Association's national tournament for the first time in program history.

San Jacinto College's dream of an undefeated men's basketball season finally ended.

The Ravens, who reached the No. 2 spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division 1 poll, had won 22 straight games late into the season.

Angelina brought things to an end Feb. 4, using a big second half to knock the Ravens from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 94-88 win at Anders Gymnasium.

San Jacinto led 40-33 at halftime but let things slip away. The locals were 17 of 30 from the free throw line as Angelina was able to climb back in the game and eventually take the win.

Jordan Duffy led San Jacinto with 23 points in the game, and Corey Davis added 18. Kabir Mohammed added 11 points in the game.

Going up against nationally-ranked Chipola and Walters State in Marianna, Fla., the San Jacinto College baseball team split a series of four games.

Jacob Cantleberry allowed just one hit over five innings, and Michael

Smith homered and drove in a pair as SJC opened with an 8-0 victory over Chipola.

San Jac's MacGregor Hines went one better in a 5-0 win over Wallace-Dothan, fanning 10 over his five innings of work. Aaron George struck out three over the final two frames for the save.

The locals committed three errors and had just three hits in an 8-0 loss to Chipola. Four Chipola pitchers combined for the shutout.

Walters State then downed San Jac 5-2 in the finale, with Walters State scoring four runs in the sixth inning to strike the big blow.

Some things still need to be cleaned up in various phases of the game, but the San Jacinto College women's softball team may have found its groove heading into the annual SJC Invitational in Pasadena.

The Coyotes split a pair of games against Odessa Feb. 3 and swept Howard in a pair Feb. 4 – all one-run games – and posted a 5-4 record.

Missy Hernandez went a combined 7 for 7 in the two games against Odessa, and Kaitlin Kerl and Riley Bullen carried much of the load against Howard.

Holding a team to single-digit field goal makes in any basketball game is hard to do, much less in the varsity girls' Region III playoffs.

But that's exactly what Dobie was able to do while cruising past Kingwood 51-34 in the bidistrict round.

Four players scored in double-figures for the Lady Longhorns, including Jade Giron with 15 and Alexis Osos with 13. Shanayce Cabrales drained four 3-pointers on her way to 12 points, and Victoria Onozio wound up with 10.

Dobie had plenty of offense on this night, but it was the on-the-ball and rebounding efforts that led to the program's first playoff win since a 62-61 decision over La Porte in the bidistrict round back on Feb. 11, 2011.

Just days later, Dobie unfortunately had a rough shooting night as Clear Creek cruised to an easy win in the area playoff round, therefore concluding Dobie's season.

It was great to finish the regular season with a momentum-building win over Memorial, but the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team had bigger plans to tend to.

Finishing at 10-4 in District 22-6A, the Longhorns captured the No. 2 playoff seed and went

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against a familiar opponent in the bidistrict round. In that round, the Longhorns went up against North Shore for a third straight season, losing 46-43 after, yes, a difficult time of shooting the basketball.

The Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team finished in a tie with Clear Lake for second place and went on to face Pearland in the postseason as the No. 3 seed out of District 24-6A. Pearland advanced with a win.

After one rough night on the hardwood, the varsity boys' basketball playoffs were one-and-done for the senior-laden Clear Brook and Dobbie squads.

Pearland, the District 23-6A co-champion, used a late 17-1 run to close out Clear Brook 66-49 in the bidistrict round.

Pearland led 24-16 at the half, only to see the Wolverines close to just a three-point deficit at the end of the third quarter.

The Wolverines got within a point midway through the fourth before the Oilers slowed the pace and forced the Wolverines into fouling.

Pearland then did much of its work from the free throw line to advance to the area round, where a matchup with Channelview awaited.

Channelview was in the area round thanks to a mild upset of District 22-6A champion South Houston in the opening round. The teams were tied late before the Falcons closed on a fourth-quarter run to win 66-62.

North Shore knocked Dobbie out in the bidistrict round for the second time in three seasons.

The action was tight for much of the way, with the Mustangs holding on for a 46-43 victory at Summer Creek High School.

Royce Hunter and Jeremy Williams led Dobbie with 11 points each, but the Longhorns shot just 35 percent from the floor, including 28 percent on two-point tries.

The Dobbie varsity softball team began the season with a bang, beating Dawson 6-4 as sophomore Taylor Pleasants had a grand slam.

The Lady Longhorns scored five runs in the bottom of the second inning, highlighted by Pleasants' grand slam to deep left-center field.

Michelle Kristoff started in the circle for Dobbie and went 4 1/3 innings for the win. Alyssa Corpus then got the final eight outs to get the save.

Pleasants, Alana Ortega, Deja Gaines and Camryn Wincher all had a pair of hits for Dobbie.

Lutheran South Academy's Justin Roy once again was dominant at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II State Championships.



Bonding well enough to put together a 46-match no-loss streak in District 22-6A, the Dobbie varsity boys' soccer team went on to win the Region III championship after a thrilling sudden death

shootout win over the Channelview Falcons. After claiming the program's first-ever regional crown in program history, the locals fell in the state semifinals.

The senior, now swimming at Notre Dame University, won both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard fly, winning Swimmer of the Meet honors for his point total for the second straight season.

Roy set a new state record in the 100-fly at 50.50 seconds and won the 200-IM at 1 minute, 53.14 seconds. His 200-IM time of 1:52.42, established in 2016, is also a state record.

The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees approved Ruperto Jaso and Dobbie assistant principal Donna Branch for the positions of district athletic director and assistant athletic director at its monthly meeting in the latter portion of February.

"I look forward to working with everyone at Pasadena ISD and continuing to build on the already great athletics program," Jaso said.

Jaso previously served as an assistant principal at Clear Creek High School since 2013. From 1999 to 2012, he was an assistant basketball and football coach and was eventually promoted to head baseball coach at Clear Lake High School.

"Through his experience as an administrator in various capacities, he has garnered respect from the Clear Creek ISD community," said Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena ISD superintendent of schools. "His philosophy is in line with where we want the athletic department to go, and I look forward to seeing what he will bring to Pasadena ISD."

The San Jacinto College softball team gained steam

just in time for the Region XIV title chase to begin. The locals scored three wins in four games - the second straight weekend to do so - in taking a big step forward with regional competition coming.

At 12-6 overall, the Coyotes appeared ready to assert themselves in conference play. San Jacinto got rolling in its latest segment by taking down Northeast Texas 3-2 in the opener.

Katlin Rivera drew the start and pitched seven solid innings without giving up an earned run.

Niki Gonzalez came in on relief, fanning the side in the top of the eighth before San Jac scored a single run to win. Riley Bullen was 2 for 3 with a run scored, and Alex Deleon also had a hit and scored a run.

San Jac then went 11 innings to down Angelina 4-3. Gonzalez went the entire way in the circle, posting 17 strikeouts. The locals scored three times in the top of the 11th inning to lead 4-1, then had to hold on for the win.

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Lutheran South Academy senior football standout Christian Shelmire elected to continue his education and playing career at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., after signing a letter of intent with the Crimson Storm.

San Jacinto College's Misy Hernandez was named the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division

I Player of the Week for the second week of the regular season after hitting .643 with nine runs batted in, helping the team to three wins in four games during that span.

"Hey Beaumont West Brook, welcome to the District 22-6A varsity softball race," said no one ever associated with the Dobbie program.

The Lady Longhorns' Michelle Kristoff smacked a three-run homer, drove in four runs and went six innings in the circle, leading her team to a 15-4 romp over Beaumont West Brook.

March
The Clear Brook varsity baseball team's overall win-loss record at the David Anzaldua Memorial Invitational could have been better for sure, but the Clear Brook varsity baseballers had to feel good about the start of their season during the opening weekend.

The Wolverines won their first two games of the season, and had a chance to win three more despite ultimately taking losses in each.

Overall, Clear Brook head coach Gene Flores came away knowing he had a competitive club in 2017.

Madison Delgado's walkoff hit in the season opener gave the Wolverines a 10-9 victory over Baytown Sterling at La Porte High School. The Wolverines plated seven runs in the third inning but had to rally late to get the win.

Delgado had four hits to lead the offense, and Damian Falcon had two more for the locals.

Dobbie's varsity baseball team also had a couple of

chances to post a better overall W-L record, but still felt good about the first weekend.

At Laredo, the Longhorns used a variety of lineups offensively, and a big group of pitchers also saw action as the team went 2-2-1.

The Longhorns began things with a 7-5 win over Laredo Martin, scoring five runs in the pivotal fourth inning to help the cause.

In all, Dobbie banged out 15 hits, including three from Isaiah Vasquez, who also drove in a pair of runs.

Zach Frias also knocked in two runs as the Longhorns got the win.

Three-year starter Euro Diaz had three hits against PSJA North, but the Longhorns came up on the short end of a 9-5 score.

Vasquez again stepped up big offensively, driving in a pair of runs.

Dobbie scored four times in the second inning, three times in the fourth and twice more in the fifth to get past San Antonio Brennan 9-2.

Vasquez continued his hot start with three more hits, and Jeremy Green Jr. had two hits and drove in a pair. John Acosta got his season going with two hits.

The offensive support paid off for starting pitcher Owen Castillo, who went 5 1/3 innings to get the win.

Diaz and Daniel Garza combined to pitch a gem against Corpus Christi Moody in a game that ended in a 2-2 tie.

And despite a 5-4 walkoff loss to Edinburg Vela, Justin Blogg drove in three runs for Dobbie. Diaz had two hits, and

Vasquez had another hit to add to his ledger.

The stage was set for a highly-competitive finish to the Pasadena ISD intermediate level track and field season.

A week after finishing second to Bondy by nine points in the team standings, the Thompson eighth-grade boys' team turned the tables, rounding up 143 points to surpass San Jacinto's 124 points.

Bondy was third this time around with 107 points, and the Beverly Hills Bears had 76 for fourth place.

In the seventh-grade division, Bondy again won the team title with 157.53 points. Thompson's 121.87 points were second-best, with Beverly Hills third at 116.20 points.

Since its debut season in 2006-2007, the Clear Brook bowling program has done nothing less than excel at every level, and the 2017 season could very well have shaped up to be the best in its history.

The Lady Wolverines' varsity squad went undefeated to win the district title and moved on to regionals, and the junior varsity squad also won the league title.

Meanwhile, the varsity boys' team finished at 11-1 to tie for the district crown and was seeded second in the league at the regional championships.

The junior varsity boys' team wound up second in the league.

Individually, the Wolverines' Vinny Thibodeaux was the reigning two-time district champion. The Lady Wolverines' Lynn Cao, a sophomore, placed third at district, and teammate Cassandra Razo, a junior, was sixth. Both ad-

vanced to regionals.

Through the 2016-2017 school year, Wolverine bowlers earned more than \$100,000 in collegiate scholarships, and Brook teams won Southeast District titles in 2011, 2015, 2016 and this year.

The Wolverines have advanced to state every season except 2013, and numerous bowlers have landed Houston Hall of Honor inductions.

The Dobbie varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams were cruising along in District 22-6A action, with the Lady Longhorns having secured a playoff berth and the Longhorn boys chasing a district three-peat.

The Lady Longhorns blanked Sam Rayburn 4-0, earning a playoff spot at 8-2-0 with four remaining games. Meanwhile, the Dobbie varsity boys' soccer team remained unbeaten for the third straight season.

For the Dobbie varsity boys' soccer team, it was all about making a deep postseason run.

The Longhorns simply had this regular season stuff down pat, having won their third consecutive District 22-6A title courtesy of a 1-1 tie at Deer Park March 7 that ensured the locals enough points to win the crown. It was just the beginning of a truly special run.

Dobbie eventually ran its no-loss streak in District 22-6A action to 45 games before dropping the season finale to Memorial in a game in which the Longhorns played short-handed.

"This season has been grueling. Last year we had 16 seniors but started this season with just seven, and two of those went out with injuries and haven't played for most of the season," Dobbie head coach Justo Manrique said.

"We've also played games without key seniors (Sabino Lozano and Edwin Saldivar did not play against Deer Park), but we have managed to come through. Sore ankles and other nagging injuries, we have had them all. Through it all, we have kept it going."

The Lutheran South Academy varsity boys soccer team completed its run to the district championship with a 10-0 victory over Faith West, and finished 9-0-1 in district play.

Overall the team finished 16-9-2 in the regular season. The team was led in scoring by Carter Palling, who had 46 goals and 17 assists. Reed Villareal added 14 goals and nine assists.

Mathew William contributed 11 goals and 15 assists. Defensively, the team was anchored by Thomas Schepmann, and Ben Roberts in goal.

Dobbie varsity girls' basketball star guard Jade Giron was named the Defensive Player of the Year in District 22-6A after leading the Lady Longhorns to the co-championship in the

league.

Gearing up for a run at the district championship, the Thompson Lions' eighth-grade boys' track and field team captured top team honors for the second straight week.

The Lions collected 177 points to claim first place easily, while the Beverly Hills Bears were fourth with 69 points.

In the seventh-grade division, Bondy cruised to the championship with 208 points, while second-place Beverly Hills was at 131. Thompson scored 44 points for sixth place.

With the midway portion of the varsity track and field season quickly approaching, the Clear Brook squads stepped up their games at the Santa Fe Invitational.

Sweeping the relays for 60 team points, the Wolverine boys went on to win the division with 128 points, with Mark Milton also delivering 25 of his own.

Clear Creek won the girls' division with 114 points, and 96 points netted Pasadena Memorial second place. Clear Brook was third with 85 points.

The sweep of the relays was the big key for the Wolverines on the boys' side.

Kennedy Crutchfield won the 100-meter dash for the second week in a row to lead the Lady Wolverines, and Milton was a double individual winner on the boys' side.

Clear Brook High School was the recipient of the National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports School award for its athletic training program.

The award annually champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student athletes, and reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment.

The student athletic training program at Clear Brook was honored while receiving first-team recognition from NATA, and those associated with the program remain committed to keeping the school's student athletes safe during athletic practices and games.

"Our goal is to continue to provide the highest safety standards for all the student athletes at Clear Brook High School and its feeding intermediate schools," said Clear Brook head boys' athletic trainer Steve Tran.

At a glance, it may have seemed as though Cypress Falls' Region III varsity boys' basketball championship is little more than a ho-hum event in the South Belt community.

But it is interesting to note that 1993 Dobbie High School graduate Richard Flores is the Eagles' head coach.

In his third year as head coach at Cy-Falls, Flores has been at the school since the

2009-2010 school year. And

on what a roll he had the Eagles in 2017. Flores eventually led the Eagles to the Class 6A state championship with a 35-2 overall record.

Senior and Stephen F. Austin University commit Camille Singleton led the way for the Dobbie varsity girls' track and field team as entrants battled wet conditions at the Falcon Invitational at Clear Lake High School.

Singleton championed both the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter run, and was part of the Lady Longhorns' 4x200-meter relay unit that placed third.

In the 200-meter dash, Singleton's time of 25.057 got her to the finish line first, and she then won the 400-meter run with a clocking of 57.643.

Shaking off the disappointment of a 2-1 loss to Fort Bend Elkins in the Pasadena ISD tournament, the Dobbie varsity baseball team closed out the event with three straight wins and stood at 5-3-1 through the first two weekends of the season.

The Knights led 2-0 through three innings in that opener and managed to hang on for the victory despite an outstanding pitching performance from the Longhorns, who got four innings from Euro Diaz before Dejuan Dixon went the final three.

Jeremy Green Jr. led the way offensively for the Longhorns with a pair of hits.

Later in the day, Dobbie pounded its way past Aldine 10-2 as Jacob Sulak led things on the offensive side with three hits. Green and Daniel Garza had two apiece as the Longhorns logged 14 in the game.

On the mound, Garza was the standout, going six innings and allowing just three hits while fanning six.

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team, saddled with just one loss all season, got its chance to play for a national championship.

The Ravens dominated the field at the Region XIV championships at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, punishing Panola 92-67 in the title game to run the table.

At 32-1, San Jacinto headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Men's Basketball Championship, set for March 20-25 in Hutchinson, Kansas as the top seed. Unfortunately, the locals struggled in a second-round game and were eventually knocked out of title contention.

The Dobbie varsity softball team blazed out to a 4-0 start in league play, with the offense coming up big.

Camryn Wincher doubled and drove in four runs and Jacqueline Garcia tripled and drove in three runs as the Lady Longhorns surged past South Houston by a 15-2 count.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

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.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Hometown Heroes Park - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whisler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

AA Meeting - See Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy.,

Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

Alcoholics Anonymous - See Alcoholics Anonymous Dec. 30 at 8 p.m.

NEW YEARS DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 1

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - See Thursday, Dec. 28 at noon.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org/suicide.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

AA Meeting - See Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7 a.m.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - See Thursday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m.

Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For information, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - See Thursday, Dec. 28 at noon.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Hometown Heroes Park - has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 following the senior luncheon at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.

Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobbie High School are welcome.

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information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glendorf at drglendorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Monday, Jan. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

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Clear Lake Bridge Club - See Friday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m

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Thompson Intermediate students share their resolutions

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be better at playing the violin and also learn how to play more instruments.
Natalie H. My New Year's resolution is to pay a little more attention. It is also to get better grades; it's already happening!
Nathan L. One of my resolutions is to keep up all my good grades and make them better. My second resolution is to be less shy and get out there.
Lilian L. I'm going to sing more and stick out to get solos. I'm going to try more in Athletics.
Sheila M. My New Year's resolution is to do my work better and complete it faster.
Devin R. I want to get better grades so I can get a good job, so that I can help my parents like how they give me what I want.
Deanna R. For this New Year, I want to get new clothes because the shirts I have don't fit any more.
Emerson S. My New Year's resolution is to not let anyone change who I am. I hope to be more positive about who I am.
Maria T. My New Year's resolution is to do my work and raise my grades up, and to help with my family a lot.
Jorge V. My New Year's resolution is to get my grades up higher. I am going to do this by going to tutoring and completing more of my work. And I want to be able to stay after school. I hope to pass the 7th grade with all my grades high in all my classes.
Genesis S. I want to help my family with things. I want to get good grades.
Maria M. **Michael McDonald's class**
This coming year I would like to get better grades in all my classes. Also make new friends and be more social.
Jazzlynn Aguilar
This upcoming year I would like to go to Japan, lose some weight (Like ten pounds or maybe fifteen), get surgery for my Duane syndrome and beat Hungry Shark World, Super Mario Odyssey and complete the Pok'e dex in Pokemon Ultra sun.
Michael-Alexander Arambula
This upcoming year I would like to be nice to people more often than a also want to do is eat less junk food.
Zoe Kate Cooper
This upcoming year I would like to work out more. I will do this by trying to work out when I get off the bus, and go to my aunt's house. I will just run or do crunches.
Hieu Dang
This upcoming year I would like to try better in school, and get more used to my temporary home. At school I haven't been able to work on much, I've been getting distracted with other things.
Jonathan Espinoza
This upcoming year I would like to be less loud, try to lose weight, save money, and try to be better at football. The reason why I want to do all of these is because I'm really loud all the time at school. And I want to be in a healthy shape. I would usually spend my money so I have to save it. And I want to be better at football because I can throw but I can't catch sometimes and I just want to run the ball sometimes too.
Rayyan Khan
This upcoming year I would like to play spring football. I would like to work out more, and be more fasciate at basketball because I fell like I play to soft.
Anfory Lee
This upcoming year I would like to do something with my family like go somewhere to spend with them like the park or something like that. I am also going to try to save up money so I can try to get my own family presents for Christmas.
Nathan Mena
This upcoming year I would like to try and eat healthy because I know I eat too much junk food. And I would also like to open up and try new things and won't hold back on it. ... that's it
Liliana Nava
This upcoming year I would like to work on how many hour I sleep because I always stay up late also, I want to be more active, physically and mentally. I will set up some challenges for myself to accomplish this resolution that I have set up for myself. There are going to be some hard work changing my normal routine but I will have to adapt to them with struggle and urge.
Daniel Nguyen
This upcoming year I would like to get better grades and lose weight. Also, in this upcoming year I would like to find better friends and be the best daughter
Sara Cruz
This upcoming year I would like... to go to San Diego and

Mexico which I might go and spend time with family. Something else I want to do is have I good time with my family and friends.
Giselle Davalos
This coming year I would like to begin an EP and publish it by April 2018, I would also like to begin making money off of small jobs such as yard work. If I can save enough money, I can buy better recording equipment and produce.
Jacob Gonzales
This upcoming year I would like to stop picking on my brother because I always get in trouble. I also want to help my mom more often because I'm always busy with something else like, homework, our pet, Snow, and my chores. But I still think I can help my mom around the house.
Oscar Navarro
This upcoming year I would like to go to Hawaii for a summer vacation and learn how to swim so I don't have to were a life vest going to the sea.
Amauri Norris
This upcoming year I would like to try to watch movies with my family. I would also try to go hang out with my friend at school and play sports with them.
Melvin Solis
This upcoming year I would like to make ALL A's on my progress reports/report cards. I also would like to pass ALL STARR tests with a grade above an 80.
Emilee Sulak
This upcoming year I like to go to New Orleans to watch Alabama vs Clemson in the Allstate Sugar Bowl. I'm going to watch Oklahoma vs Georgia in the Rose Bowl.
Ayden Blackmon
This upcoming year I would like to bring my grades up like having 80s or I am also going to try to have 90s and up that is going to be one of my most challenging goals.
Ivan Escudra
This upcoming year I would like to get better grades, and to help my family on house cleaning because I had it at. I also like to get more money.
Noheim Figueroa
This upcoming year I would like to try to have good grades, be better at piano, and be good at drawing. I want my grades to be eighty and up and I want to do better on piano because this year I wasn't on track because I would basically only practice on Tuesday and my piano lesson is on Wednesday.
Lilyan Nguyen
This new year I would like to pick my grades up, and go to the gym more. And I would also like to get a job.
Ramon Revilla
This upcoming year I would like to run 5 miles, to help me with Cross - Country, Track, Basketball, Cheerleading and other sports I want to be in. I would also like to accomplish bringing my grades up, writing better, making it to the Thompson Varsity choir by my 8th grade year, at the most I want to get in 2 high school credits, also to be in tons of sports before the year 2020.
Sarah Salazar
This upcoming year for my New Year's Resolution I would want to improve my drawing skill, grades, and my band skills. #NewYearNewMe
Valeria Silva
I plan over the upcoming new year to get better grades in reading. I also plan to go outside more and be able to spike a volleyball and be able to go higher than I can right now at my high serve so I got to go very high.
Austin Shofner
This upcoming year I plan to be more organized with school and my house like being clean. I would also plan to be more active, well more then what I am in 2017.
Erin Perez
My new year resolution is to be a nicer person. Not only do I want to be a nicer person but I want to bring up my grades more because I think I can do better.
Ingrid Pasasin
This upcoming year I want to make/have new/amazing friends. I also want to make better grades than what I have now.
Emma Hernandez
This upcoming year I plan to be faster. I also want to bring my grades up
Julian Del Valle
Steven Reyes's class
This new year I want to go platinum on rainbow or become 99 overall on 2k. I also want to keep my Jordan red 11's clean (and get all A's).
Antony Zavala
My New Year's Resolution is to be prestige on WW2 and to get a win on Fortnite. I want to prestige on WW2, so I can get a gold badge. Also I want to get a win on Fortnite because all my friends have one, so I really want to get

one.
Robert Villatoro
My New Year resolution is to focus mainly on baseball because I've been slacking on baseball. I need to practice more. Another one of my resolutions is getting better grades because if I get a bad grade than I wouldn't be able to play.
Jeremiah Rodriguez
My New Year's Resolution is to respect my parents more. I've been talking back to my parents a lot, so next year I will try to respect them more.
Ezequiel Rivera
In the New Year I would like to listen to my parents more and be more respectful to the people older than me. I would also want to pay attention in class more, so I could get good grades to make my parents proud of me.
Thu Pham
My New Year's Resolution is getting good conduct grades next semester and get better at tackling in football. I will try my best to earn straight "A" for my conduct grade by not talking in class a lot, not yelling out answers in class, and not disturbing other people while they are working.
Ryan Nguyen
The New Year is near. Some New Year's resolution I have is getting more sleep and being more nice against my cousins. Average-ly I sleep about 5-6 hours a night and I don't really think it'll be good for my health so sleeping more might help for next year. My cousins on my mom's side of my family are pretty dumb, ignorant, and too self confident. Because of this, they make me sick and annoyed that they're who they are with their personalities. But I'll try talking to them and doing activities together to strengthen our relationship a bit more.
Thalia Lee
My New Year's resolution is: I would like to start my custody battle case. I would also like to be healthier in some aspects of my life.
Bianca Kinder
I plan to resolve my money issues, because I have \$2.50 and I am not accepting that. So I am going to beg for me money because I want more than \$2.50.
Fernando Hernandez
My New Year resolution is to eat healthier food. And to go to church more often.
Alexa Gonzalez
For my New Year's Resolution I want to gain more weight so I can then get in better shape. I also want to get better in the cello and guitar so I can be more musically involved.
Evan Fraustro
My New Year's Resolution is to get all A's because it hasn't happened since the fourth grade. I also want to eat healthier and lose more weight.
Cristian Fernandez
I like being productive and efficient and this New Year's for my resolution I would like to be able to wake up early in the morning, and I don't want to wake up early just for school but every day. I believe that by waking up early every day I can be a more productive and efficient person.
Raul Diaz
My New Year's resolution is to get better at free throws and three pointers. Also I would try harder to keep my grades up.
Kaleb Campos
This year is slowly approaching! In 2018 I would like to start fresh and new because im not the greatest kid in the world. So that means I would like to change, what I would like to change is for me to pay attention, to not care of what people think of me, also to be more out going because there is a lot of times that I wish I could do it again.
Maria Barahona Vilorio
My New Year's Revolution is to be running a lot more to be healthy and in shape. I want to be working a lot harder and focusing more on school than talking to friends in all of my classes. I also don't want to get in trouble like not go to ISC or get any type of detention. To be successful, it has to start now.
Ethan Bishop
My New Year's resolution is to hold grudges against people because I feel that holding grudges not only hurts the person you're holding it against but it's also hurts you. My other resolution is to work on my tumbling for cheer because I want to make the cheer team.
Victoria Couchman
My New Year's resolution is to try to practice on sports so I can get better and try to be the best that I can be. Also I want to try not to fight with my brothers because it gets on my nerves.
Noah Gaytan
My new years resolution is to drink only water for 4 months straight. Also, to work on my body to get in shape for sports.
Jacque Giron

My New Year's resolution is to get good grades. I will achieve this by paying more attention in all my classes and I will get good grades.
Ian Johnson
New Year is coming and I need something to resolve. When New Year come I will be mostly different. I will work out and eat healthier, get better grades, learn more, and I will appreciate more of what I have. I will give more and do more than stay in my room all day. This is my New Year's Resolution for next year.
Tashjae McCann
My New Year's resolution is to have good grades in every class that I have and to do good on the Duke SAT test. I would also want to get another rabbit so Romeo won't be lonely, and because I really want a brown and white lop eared rabbit. But if possible I would like to try to get things back to normal family wise because I really miss my dad and I wish to see him more next year instead of just every Thursday and every other weekend.
Aryana Mejorado
For my New Years Resolution I want to get all A's and with an exception of b plus, I also want to read more than usual!
Danielle Mendiol
In my new year I hope that at least one of my sports teams win the championship. In the downfall of the Dodgers #thirsteam campaign after the game 7 loss. Hopefully they come back next year stronger. My other resolution is to throw harder and hit better in baseball. This coming spring is the new season and hopefully I can improve on the past fall season.
Connor Mohwinkel
My New Years resolution is to be a nicer kid, and to be more of a not kid. Then I'll listen to my parents more.
Huy Nguyen
One of my resolution for new year is to become a better person. My second resolution is to get what I want.
Joseph Pacheco
In the New Year, I have many new resolutions. I plan on making the soccer team, because it would make my mom very proud. I also plan to be a better student in Mr. Reyes's class. I would also love to be out of all the drama going on right now. But so far, life's pretty good!
Elizabeth Pined
What I want to do for the New Year is become healthier and watch more Naruto. The other thing I want to do is play more video games and go outside more and do better the next year than this year. I want to get better grades in school the next year for 8th grade.
Nicholas Ponce
My New Year's resolution is for me to get better and stronger for next football years. I want to work out every day, and start running every day until the very first game.
Jacob Reyna
My new years' resolution is to stop talking back and not raise my voice, although I don't like looking dumb, talking back is rude and I shouldn't talk back to elders. My other one is to attempt to not get in as much trouble.
Kate Wang
My plan for the New Year is to become more of a gentleman toward all the people I know. I want to be able to make a good impression on everyone I meet. I also want to become stronger and fit. If I reach these goals, then my life will become a lot better.
Travis Webb
My New Years resolution is to just live life to the fullest. I need to live life the way I want to, I don't need to listen to people who tell me what to do with my life.
Aubrey Zembrano
For the year 2018 I want to get better grades. Also to not always get on my parents nerves.
Catalina Zendejas
Next year I would like to be a better person by helping friends and people with what ever they need and get better grades. I would also like for new years resolution thank the lunch ladies for everything they have done for us and teachers for helping us get good grades and to understand new things.
Jorge A.
For my New Year's Resolution I would like to be able to decorate cakes. I want to be able to do this, because I've always enjoyed baking and decorating cakes.
Jade C.
My New Year's Resolution is to make better choices for myself. The reason for that is because not all the choices I have made this year have been great and I want them to be better.
Bella C.
For my New Year's Resolution I am going to try to learn Spanish fluently so I can speak to my grandparents and actually understand what they're saying. I also want to do this because my environment is usually Spanish people.

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Marcus G.
My New Year resolution is to get myself a new year's resolution for next year. This reason is because I never usually have one because I don't really care about new years resolutions that much since I've never had one.
Ariana G.
I want to listen better. Also I want to get ungrounded.
Kaiden H.
The New Year is coming up pretty fast, so I'd like to make 2018 New Year's Resolutions. One thing I'd like to make better grades in school. Another thing is to be more confident. My final resolution is to make more friends.
Ryan H.
What I want to do is eat more vegetables and exercise more to become a healthier kid. Also, I want to achieve my goal of having all 95s or higher in all of my classes.
Chance H.
My new year's revolution is steal all of Bella's cookie dough. She stole my cookies.
Gloria I.
My New Year's Resolution for this year is to get chickens. I would like to get chickens because chicken lay 5-6 eggs a week and that would save money and we can have very fresh excellent eggs.
Madison L.
My New Year's Resolution is to improve my violin skills and maybe get a Petri want to make peace with my sister and mother. I also want to be healthier and friendlier.
Luvia M.
2018 is slowly creeping 'round and about! My New Year's Resolutions are to be a better person, and be comfortable with who I am (as in be myself around anyone & everyone and not be ashamed.) The reason for my New Year's Resolutions is because this year I have felt like I haven't been up to my full potential, also because this year I wasn't really myself around people and I do not want people to befriend me for what I am not.
Ann N.
This year my New Year's Resolution is to get better grades. This is because I want to be smarter and be happy about my grades.
London N.
My new year's resolution is to not eat too much sweets or junk food. I would want to resolve trying to play with my dog more. I also want to spend more time outside my room and talking to my sister and my parents.
Leyla S.
My New Year's Resolution is to beat Mega Man X without cheats. I have never played the game and I heard it was great, but challenging.
Christian V.
The other two classes for Thompson Intermediate will be printed in next week's issue.
Emily G.
My 2018 New Year's reso-

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The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to practice every day outside with my basketball court. I'm going to also try and get better at dribbling. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Janet A.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is saving up a lot of money. This is my resolution because I want to get a gift for my family. I plan to have this achieved by January. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are doing chores and little jobs. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Joshua A.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to go out more. This is my resolution because I want to get healthier. I plan to have this achieved by going outside more. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to take some time out of being in my room being locked up and go out. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Mariana C.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to fix my attitude and help my mom a lot more. This is my resolution because if I don't, I won't get anywhere in life. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are get up and help my mom when she doesn't ask and listen no matter what. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Jeremiah G.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be nicer. This is my resolution because I'm not nice to people. I plan to have this achieved by the end of this month. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to talk to people right. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Jaylen G.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be better and work harder. This is my resolution because I want to be a better person and work harder than last year. I plan to have this achieved by this year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to remember my mistake and try not to do it again. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Linda P.
My New Year's resolution is being nice to people. I plan to have this achieved by not calling people names. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are just saying it in my head. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Ma'Kaylin M.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be happy. This is my resolution because I'm tired of being unhappy. I plan to have this achieved by January 1st. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are taking all the negative or fake people out of my life. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Gisele B.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to pass all my classes next year and go to tutorials. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the school year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are not getting trouble, staying focused, getting my work done, and turning it in. And I know there can be difficult choices people make, but at least they fix the mistakes they make.
Shemora L.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to help my mom out more. I plan to have this achieved by helping her. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are helping out in what she needs. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Emily G.
My 2018 New Year's reso-

lution is to help out the community more and win District Championships. This is my resolution because it's another big story in my life. I plan to have this achieved by the end of 2018. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to be successful and think before I act. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Fernando F.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get higher grades on CBAs and STAARs. I plan to have this achieved by studying and listening carefully in class. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are read carefully and take my time. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Yariel R.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get better grades. This is my resolution because I want to have good grades throughout the school year. I plan to have this achieved by this year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to study, do my work, and do my homework. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Linh
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be a better athlete than I was last year. This is my resolution because I want to be better than before. I plan to have this achieved by working out. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to go to the gym and eat healthy. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Lionel W.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to eat more chips every month. This is my resolution because I like chips. I plan to have this achieved by next year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to only eat Lay's. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Joseph B.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to pass all my classes with at least an 80 or above. This is my resolution because I want to move on and not be a homeless person. I want to actually have a house and a job. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the school year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are pay attention in class. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Angel L.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to treat my sister right. This is my resolution because my sister needs my respect. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to be more patient with her. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Greydi L.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get faster. This is my resolution because I'm going up to another age group. I plan to have this achieved by January 6, 2018. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to practice an hour more. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Deazhia W.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get more sleep on school days. This is my resolution because I'm always sleepy in the morning. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the year 2018. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are going to sleep earlier. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Lizeth A.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get smart and stay hydrated. This is my resolution because I always have bad grades and don't drink enough water. I plan to have this achieved by January 1st. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to have water by me all the time and study more.

Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Evelyn A.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to glow up. This is my resolution because I am ugly. I plan to have this achieved by June. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are wash my face. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Jennika L.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to learn my electric bass. This is my resolution because I want to learn it and earn money with my uncles. I plan to have this achieved by April. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are go to my uncles' band practice. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Justie H.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to bring my grades up. This is my resolution because it will let me pass. I plan to have this achieved by doing all my assignments and homework. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to pay attention in class and go to tutoring in the morning. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Yesenia J.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to have good grades through the whole year of 2018. I want to visit my family in Mexico. I want to do more stuff next year. I want to go outside more and do more stuff with my family. I want to get animals next year. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Jenevie D.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be fit. This is my resolution because for the past week I was becoming unhealthy. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to eat healthier. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Dillon V.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is going to be cool. This is my resolution because I will do good stuff. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to be a better person. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Mar'kell N.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to get As in all my classes. This is my resolution because I usually fail my classes. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are going to be hard but manageable. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Madeline L.
Shasta Williams's class
For my resolution, I would like to actually get better at drawing. At the moment, my art is horrible. I would like to improve my art because I want to be an animator. I have tried to improve on eyes and hair a bit, but I am still struggling. I also hope to improve on drawing legs and faces.
A.B.
My 2018 New Year's Resolution is to be in the top band and play more challenging music. This is my resolution because I believe I could make it to top band by next if I try really hard. I plan to have this achieved by next year in 2018. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to work hard, and ask my band teacher for help. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
David P.
My 2018 New Year's Resolution is to make the soccer team. This is my resolution because I believe that I can do it put my mind to. I plan to have this achieved by spring. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution is to run every day and practice. Here is to a Happy New Year!
David V.

My 2018 New Year Resolution is to become a better athlete. I plan to have this achieved by the end of the year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to go to Cross Country practice every morning and to attend class every day. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishments.
Andre
My 2018 New Year's Resolution is to get better grades and to understand things more so that I can get this correct the first time. I plan to achieve this by actually trying and not giving up. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Mario V.
I'm not one who thinks about my New Year's resolution after March, but this year I think it would be best to do so. It is not like losing weight or talking to family more, it is something that not a lot of people think about. My New Year's Resolution is to just become a better version of myself and mature. Working on yourself will take time. Fixing mistakes, bad habits, and overall self-control are not things that just change overnight. Another resolution I have set for my self is to have more self-confidence. Self-confidence is something that a lot of people need to work on. Sometimes we need to let ourselves know that we don't need to lose ten pounds or get surgery to look our best. We need to tell ourselves that we are perfect and that the only way to be truly unattractive is by being ugly from within. So now that the New Year is approaching, what is your New Year Resolution?
Kaylin A.
My 2018 New Year's Resolution is to control my anger. This is my resolution because I can't control my anger when I get mad. I plan to have this achieved by not listening to people and the negative things that they have to say about me. The steps I will take to achieve this my resolution are to walk away from anyone that brings negativity to my life and to stand up for myself. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Samara B.
My 2018 New Year's Resolution is to go to New York and learn how to speak Spanish. I also want to read more, improve my handwriting and get a better wardrobe. This is my resolution because I would like to show myself that I can improve my own life. The steps I will take to achieve my resolutions are to show my mom that I can be responsible because she is the one who buys everything I need to achieve my resolution. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Jaidia
My New Year's Resolution is to make my community a better place. This my resolution because I want to see my community grow and become bigger and better. I plan to have achieved this goal by the end of next year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are: instead of taking the bus, ride my bike. By riding my bike instead of taking the bus I am cutting down on the pollution in the air. Secondly, instead of doing nothing at home, I will feed the homeless. Finally, I plan to do at least one good a day. By doing a good deed each day I will become a happier person knowing I helped someone else. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Christopher R.
I plan to achieve my goals of passing my Starr test and ending the school year with A's and snf B's. I want to also get better at football and basketball possibly next year in 8th grade with the football championship. Well, until time future self!
Caleb M.

CALENDAR

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Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
Sagmont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagmont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
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.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$35.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. 10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 following the senior luncheon at

Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-8318. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Thelma St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
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.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 7 p.m.
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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

My 2018 New Year's resolution is to be a better athlete than I was last year. This is my resolution because I want to be better than before. I plan to have this achieved by working out. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to go to the gym and eat healthy. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Lionel W.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to eat more chips every month. This is my resolution because I like chips. I plan to have this achieved by next year. The steps I will take to achieve my resolution are to only eat Lay's. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year filled with accomplishment!
Joseph B.
My 2018 New Year's resolution is to pass all my classes with at least an 8

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Yvonne Whaley had three hits as Dobie crushed Sam Rayburn 16-1.

Garcia had two more hits in this one, and Alyssa Corpus doubled, Pleasants tripled and Wincher had a home run in the game.

Dobie scored 15 runs in the second inning to get past Pasadena 18-0 for a quick three-game sweep of the Pasadena ISD trio.

Garcia delivered three hits and drove in three runs, and Pleasants and Whaley each had a pair of hits in the win.

Pleasants and Deja Gaines registered triples in the blowout win, and Allison Bravo, Garcia and Michelle Kristoff doubled as Dobie rolled.

San Jacinto College baseball head coach Tom Arrington recorded his 700th career win when freshman Jacob Cantleberry threw a no-hitter against Midland College in a 9-0 win at the Tournament of Champions.

Arrington is now in his 18th season at the helm at San Jacinto College, which is one of the most storied junior college baseball programs in the country.

Arrington has guided his San Jac teams to nine National Junior College Athletic Association World Series tournaments, including six national runner-up finishes (2003, 2004, 2010, 2012, 2016 and 2017).

"These wins are a tribute to our players, those who have played here as well as our current team, and to our coaching staff," said Arrington at the time of his 700th victory.

"Wins are great, but it is equally, if not more important, to help develop our student-athletes so that they become great students, great athletes and great citizens."

The Bondy seventh-grade boys' team kept the Patriots in the mix for a team sweep, but Thompson's eighth-grade team prevented that with a big win at the Pasadena ISD intermediate track and field championships.

The Lions collected 149 points in the eighth-grade division to win the team title, with San Jacinto second at 128. Beverly Hills was third overall with 89 points.

In all, Thompson captured top team honors in three meets.

Thompson also stayed close in the seventh-grade standings, but the Patriots came away with 179 points for the win, followed by the Lions' 135. Beverly Hills was third with 91 points.

Dobie varsity boys' basketball player Royce

Hunter scored Most Valuable Player honors in District 22-6A after pouring in 21.5 points per game over the course of the season.

San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz won her 500th career game as the Coyotes defeated Coastal Bend 9-1 at the South campus.

Freshman Daniel Garza went 4 2/3 innings for the win, and Dobie's big-three veteran trio did most of the damage offensively as the Longhorns' varsity baseball squad earned a key 7-2 District 22-6A victory over Sam Rayburn.

Jeremy Green Jr. and Euro Diaz Jr. both continued their torrid starts in league play.

Diaz had three hits, including a triple and a double. Green had a pair of hits, including a homer as he led the way with four runs driven in.

A senior and three-year starter, Diaz entered play against Rayburn with a district-leading .548 batting average, then came up with three more hits against the Texans.

Following a thrilling District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball season, the league's respective head coaches gathered to honor its top players, with those from Dickinson and Clear Brook taking center stage.

The Wolverines' David Azore, the school's all-time leading scorer and University of Texas-Arlington commit, capped his fine career by being named the league's overall Most Valuable Player.

It all started for Azore as a sophomore at the varsity level as he was chosen as the district's Newcomer of the Year.

As a junior, Azore took things a step farther, garnering Offensive Player of the Year accolades within 24-6A.

As a senior, Azore helped the Wolverines finish third in a very tough alignment.

The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team began the postseason with a win, while Atascocita ended the Lady Longhorns' season with a 2-0 win in the bidistrict playoffs.

Kevin Hernandez scored Dobie's first goal 10 minutes into the bidistrict matchup against Goose Creek Memorial, but the Longhorns had their hands full until the late stages in the first-round win against the Patriots.

Dobie varsity boys' head coach Justo Manrique said the Longhorns controlled the ball possession for roughly 50 minutes of the game, yet it wasn't until Bryan Nava's

goal with 10 minutes remaining that the locals felt comfortable.

April
Gaining revenge over North Shore was certainly sweet, but the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team still had a taste in its mouth for the program's first-ever Region III championship after first dropping Brazoswood and then blanking North Shore to reach the Region III Final Four.

That elusive first title was still within reach after the Longhorns came up with a gut-check 2-0 shut-out win over North Shore, which entered the match undefeated at 20-0-3 and had been ranked as high as No. 3 nationally.

Just like in 2016 when Dobie absorbed a 1-0 loss in the same regional quarter-final playoff round, North Shore was the bigger, faster team on the turf at Abshire Stadium in Deer Park.

But none of that mattered in the end. Team captain Edwin Saldivar scored on a penalty kick with 14 minutes, 58 seconds to go in the first half after a North Shore foul in the box.

Dobie added another score, and the team's defense may have been at its very best all season, as North Shore fell.

Dobie, of course, went on to defeat Seven Lakes in the Region III semifinals and downed Channelview in a sudden death shootout, grabbing the school's first-ever state tournament berth.

The Longhorns lost to Arlington Sam Houston in those state semifinals but wound up the season as easily Dobie's most successful varsity boys' soccer team.

For the third time during the season, St. Mary's Ben Arnett was named the Heartland Conference Men's Golfer of the Week.

Arnett, a Dobie High School graduate and currently a senior at St. Mary's, finished fourth at the St. Edward's Invitational with an even-par 210.

Niki Gonzalez was every bit as good as expected in the two seasons since she joined the San Jacinto College softball program in the spring of 2015.

A graduate of Baytown Sterling High School, Gonzalez elected to join her sister, Gabby Gonzalez, with the Coyotes.

At the time, San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz believed she was getting the latest in a long line of top-notch pitching talent.

Turns out, Niki Gonzalez might just be the best of all.

As a freshman, she struck out 302 batters over the course of the season, smashing the previous record for a single season.

With 27 wins as a freshman, Gonzalez also put herself on pace to become the program's all-time leader in career pitching wins.

Gaining both wins in a double-header sweep over Lone Star-Port Arthur April 7, Gonzalez did just that, moving to the top of the list with 53 career wins.

Thanks to a gut-check effort from the mixed doubles team of Hellen Le and Luis Neira, the Dobie varsity tennis team had representation at the Region III Championships.

Le and Neira dropped the first set to the second-seeded team from Deer Park but then fought back for a 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 win in the playback match at the District 22-6A Championships April 8, at Deer Park High School.

The two then dropped their opening match at the Region III championships. In the same bracket, Clear Brook's Maria Herrera and Andres Padilla put together a bit of a surprising run.

Qualifying second seeded out of District 24-6A, Herrera, a freshman, and the senior Padilla, proceeded to march their way to the Region III championship match in mixed doubles.

Although the Clear Brook duo lost to Cy-Ranch's Melissa LaMette and Varun Thachil in the regional final, both pairs qualified for the state tournament.

Once at the state tournament, the Region III teams continued to dominate the competition over two days.

While LaMette and Thachil again defeated Herrera and Padilla to win the state championship, the pair from Clear Brook traveled back home with silver medals from the state tournament held at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Dobie High School graduate Sharonda McDonald continued her ascension in the women's softball ranks – both collegiately and professionally.

The 2003 Dobie graduate, currently in her third season as an assistant coach at the University of Florida, was named the head coach of the Chicago Bandits, one of the most successful organizations in the National Pro Fastpitch League.

The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team had disappointed many other opponents during its magical playoff run this season, and finally the tables turned.

Arlington Sam Houston's Nate Kopetsky scored the game winner with 2 minutes, 59 seconds remaining, sending the Texans to the Class 6A varsity boys' soccer state

title game following a 2-1 win over Dobie.

The two teams traded penalty kick scores through 55 minutes of action.

Despite numerous chances of either side, it took late-game heroics to decide this one.

Dobie, which trailed only twice this playoff season, led 1-0 at the half on the strength of Edwin Saldivar's penalty kick conversion in the game's 31st minute.

Although Arlington Sam Houston eventually defeated Dobie to advance

to the state final, it still wound up being the Longhorns' most successful season in program history.

In the state championship final, Dallas Jesuit pulled a similar trick on Sam Houston, claiming a 2-1 victory in the Class 6A match.

Beginning in the January 11, 2018 edition, the *Leader* will continue to take a look back at some of the South Belt area's greatest sports moments from 2017, picking up with what went on in the month of May. Enjoy the ride!



The Clear Brook High School mixed doubles team of freshman Maria Herrera (left) and Andres Padilla first finished second at the Region III spring tennis championships and then made their way to the state finals before claiming a silver medal for their efforts. Cy-Ranch's Melissa LaMette and Varun Thachil defeated the Wolverines in both matches.

SJC soccer pair find 4-year programs



San Jacinto College freshman soccer players Jourdaine Fletcher (left) and Artur Luca signed letters of intent to continue their education and collegiate soccer careers at four-year universities on full scholarships. This spring, Fletcher, a defender, will join the Eastern Florida State College Titans in Cocoa, Fla. During the 2017 season at San Jacinto College, Fletcher scored seven goals and dealt seven assists for 21 points. Luca, a midfielder, will join the University of Memphis Tigers beginning with the spring 2018 semester. For more information on San Jacinto College athletics, visit sanjacsports.com.

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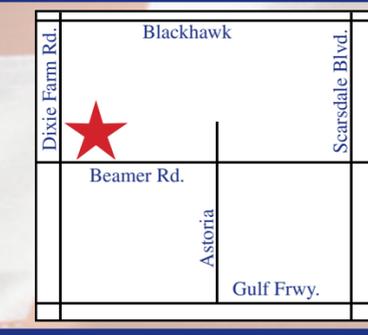
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