



# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### JFD meeting for 8th graders

J. Frank Dobie Early College High School will hold an information meeting Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school's media room. The meeting is for any interested eighth graders and their parents who want to learn more about the early college high school program at Dobie. (See related editorial Page 2A.)

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 8. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. At least two northbound and two southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 8. Alternate entrance/exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 9. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 9. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

### Beltway 8 closures set

At least one inside lane on the westbound frontage road of Beltway 8 will be closed from Beamer to Blackhawk continuously through 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

Monroe Boulevard will be closed north of Beltway 8 from 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, through 5 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

### Kirkmont to elect officers

Homeowners interested in running for office for the Kirkmont I HOA may submit their name, address, and telephone number to the nominating committee and include their objectives to improve the Kirkmont Section I. Elections will take place Wednesday, Dec. 13. Submissions may be sent to msan chez@houcomm.com.

### HM parade rescheduled

The Highland Meadow Christmas light parade has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded for the best entry in both adult and children categories. For more information, contact Rudy Alafa at 281-415-8003 or alafa20@yahoo.com.

### Blood Drive set for Dec. 17

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive at the St. Luke's Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Lariaettes hold clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic at the area high school on Saturday Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The clinic will also feature a parent show at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. It is open to students Pre-K through 12th grade and is a great opportunity to let youths spend a day dancing, playing games and doing crafts with the Lariaettes, while parents get Christmas shopping done. The clinic is open to both girls and boys. Registration is \$45 at the door, cash or money order only. Clinic participants will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaettes Spring Show on April 5 through April 7. For more information, contact Victoria Armenta at varmenta@pasadenaisd.org.

### CCART to hold meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a short business meeting followed by a holiday choral performance by the Clear Brook High School Choir under the leadership of Director Jon Marcom. 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. Annual dues are \$45.

### Boykins hosts tree lighting

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins will host the fourth annual Tree Lighting and Kwanzaa Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Alameda Road between Wentworth and Wichita. The event will feature fireworks, food, free photos with Santa Claus and live entertainment provided by Brian Jack and the Zydeco Gamblers. Admission is free, and free shuttle service will be available. For more information, visit www.DistrictDHolidayHouston.com.

# Former student embodies Christmas spirit

Former Burnett Elementary student Thi Nguyen recently gave back to the school in a big way by hosting a Christmas festival at the campus on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Nguyen - who later attended Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School, graduating in

2007 - said she organized the event in honor of her sister, Jennie Nguyen (also a former Burnett student), who drowned near Galveston in May 2000 at the age of 7.

"Everything I did, I did for her," Nguyen said as she pointed at a T-shirt she had custom print-

ed, depicting Jennie as an angel. "This project was all about her. I really do believe that Jennie is watching over us."

Nguyen, who now divides her time between Houston and California, recalled that her younger sister would often get in trouble at school for sharing too much.

"She wouldn't get in trouble for fighting or stealing, she'd be giving away \$20 bills," Nguyen said.

When Jennie Nguyen died, the family relied on donations from the South Belt community to help pay for funeral costs, inspiring Thi Nguyen to repay the favor.

"I'm just giving back to the community for what they gave her," Nguyen said. "It's a cycle of giving back. What they did for me 17 years ago really stuck with me."

While Nguyen had given to other organizations the last two Christmas holidays, she felt a need to change it up a bit this year.

"I thought 'I can do it bigger and better on my own,'" Nguyen said. "I wanted to give back to Burnett."

Nguyen, who had been collecting toys to donate since this past January, recalled approaching Burnett Principal Jae Lee with her idea of putting on a winter festival.

"I called and said 'Hey, you don't know me, but I have about 4,000 toys to donate,'" Nguyen said.

In addition to the large selection of toys, Nguyen also provided synthetic snow, a bounce house, a human-sized snow globe, a photo booth and an appearance by Santa Claus. Pasadena

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## Burnett spreads holiday joy



Former Burnett Elementary student Thi Nguyen (left) organized and financed a winter festival at the area school on Saturday, Dec. 2. Shown above at the event with Nguyen are, left to right, (front row) Branson Douglas, the grandson of Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner; Thao Nguyen, Nguyen's sister-in-law; and (back row) Burnett Principal Jae Lee. See related photos on Page 4A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# 35th annual Leader Christmas program set to begin

The holiday season is here, and once again it's time for the annual South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas program.

Now in its 35th year, the program is aimed at helping area families in need.

The yearly drive began in 1982 when an anonymous man, now dubbed "The Good Samaritan," walked into the Leader office and delivered the makings of a turkey dinner. The stranger said his family had been given food when he was young and requested the staff forward the meal to a needy family in the community.

This charitable behavior continues today with several different local organizations taking part. Local schools that have participated in past programs include Atkinson, Moore, Stuchbery, South Belt and Frazier elementary schools, Melillo Middle School, Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate schools and Dobie High School.

U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, American Legion Post 490 and Action Ministries have also donated items in previous years, as have many individuals from the community.

Desired items include toys for children of all

ages, nonperishable food items, paper products and cash. There is a particular need for gifts appropriate for older children and teens, such as clothing, sporting goods, makeup kits and gift cards.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Past recipients include single-parent families and families suffering from unemployment and incarceration.

Many past beneficiaries have reciprocated and later donated items themselves.

This year's drive will particularly focus on lo-

cal families impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The Leader is seeking information on residents who are experiencing special circumstances related to the storm.

Residents may begin to apply for assistance on Monday, Dec. 11.

First-time applicants must apply in person at the Leader office, located at 11555 Beamer. Previous applicants may register online at www.southbeltleader.com.

All applicants must undergo a screening process to determine the family's need. This is done through various means, including verification from school nurses.

To qualify, one must be a South Belt area resident and possess one form of identification verifying their address.

Those wishing to donate items should visit the Leader office, 11555 Beamer.

## Stuchbery alumni, current students mark 50th



Getting together to enjoy 50 years of legacy at Stuchbery Elementary are, left to right, (front row) Danna Vasquez, Anthony Rubio, Isaac Salanias, Miguel Ventura, Stephanie Marquez, Brandone Venters, Zira Venters, Thong Luong, Julian Salinas, Anthony Baccaro, (middle row) Mia Vasquez, Julia De Los Santos, Senia Rubio, Emily Walker, Laneigh Anderson/Clark, John Meade, Zinaya Gonzales, Breiann Meade, Jennifer Chavez, (back row) Ian Leos, John Phister, John Pickren, Jim Pickren, Michael McKee, Kathy McKee-Murphy and Julian Salinas. See related photos on Page 6A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Stuchbery Elementary celebrates 50th anniversary

Stuchbery Elementary honored half a century of excellence, history and Stallion pride on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at its 50th anniversary celebration.

Hundreds of current and former students, administrators and alumni gathered at the campus to reflect on the storied past of the school and to look forward to the future. The celebration included a brief oral history about the school's namesake, James E. Stuchbery.

The school also debuted a new song titled "A Stallion's Pride" performed by the third-grade choir. Former principals Nancy Teichelman, Jackie Salisbury and Carolyn Waller joined the celebration and shared their experiences as past leaders of the Stallion student body. The school, named after the first band director

of Pasadena High School, opened in 1967 and has had only seven principals, including current principal, Jose Hernandez, who was hired in the summer of 2017.

Jackie Salisbury, principal from 2005-2014, said that Stuchbery became a home away from home for her.

"All the faculty and staff makes Stuchbery what it is. It's not the building and it's not the surroundings, but it is the people."

Carolyn Waller, principal from 2014-2017, also remembers her time at the school fondly.

"As I'm newly retired, I miss the campus, students, teachers and parents every day," said Carolyn Waller, principal from 2014-2017.

Nancy Teichelman, Stuchbery principal from 1987-2005, is confident the school's future is in

good hands.

"Stuchbery will always be a wonderful school with great students, great parents and great staff, and I know the leadership and greatness will continue under Mr. Hernandez," Teichelman said.

In addition to the celebration, the school also dedicated a wing of the school to a longtime kindergarten teacher, Shirleene Lipsey.

"One of the first stories I heard about Stuchbery was about Shirleene Lipsey," said Hernandez. "She's tied to everyone. We've had parents who have told me that not only is she teaching their kids, but she also taught their parents."

"Because of her tireless work as a kindergarten teacher, the kindergarten wing will forever be known as the Shirleene Lipsey Kindergarten Wing," said Hernandez.

# JFD 9th-grade center to open

The new Dobie ninth-grade center is set to open in early 2018, according to Pasadena Independent School District officials.

Originally scheduled to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year, the opening of the campus was postponed due to construction delays.

To be located at the southeast corner of Fuqua and Monroe, the facility was approved by voters in November 2014 as part of a \$175 million bond package.

The new campus is needed to alleviate overcrowding at the area high school, as Dobie has been at its maximum capacity for more than a decade.

When the new Blackhawk campus was constructed as part of a 2000 bond issue, it was designed to accommodate 3,000 students. A subsequent bond issue in 2004 increased student capacity by 525, bringing the total to 3,525.

Campus enrollment, however, topped 4,000 students at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Last school year, the campus had 14 portable buildings, including 12 double-classroom buildings and two quad-classroom buildings.

In the fall of 2014, Dobie was named one of the 100 largest high schools in America. With a reported 3,452 students, Dobie ranked No. 88 on the list.

According to PISD officials, however, Dobie's enrollment at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year was actually 3,708 students (1,005 freshmen, 994 sophomores, 887 juniors and 822 seniors). Using this figure, the school would have been ranked No. 56 on the list.

By 2018-2019, enrollment at Dobie is expected to reach 4,200. PISD officials expect the proposed campus to reduce enrollment at the primary campus to approximately 3,100-3,200 students, with a capacity for enrollment at the ninth-grade center of 1,000-1,100 students.

The facility will house only first-year ninth-graders. Students will have the same academic and extracurricular opportunities as students on the main campus.

# Get 'Plugged In' at airports for smooth holiday travel

The two weeks surrounding Christmas Day and New Year's Eve are among the most traveled during the year.

Fortunately for Houston travelers, the Houston Airport System's commitment to elevating the travel experience for customers has led to several technology-based tools that can help ease customers through their journey.

Put simply, if a passenger knows how to "plug in" at Houston's airports, getting to the final destination becomes much easier.

Below are some handy tools available through electronic and "smart" devices that can help make that happen:

"Fly" with the greatest of ease: The airport system's award-winning website, fly2houston.com, offers a wealth of information tailored to meet the specific travel needs of passengers. Whether departing, arriving or connecting, the complete passenger journey — from getting to the airport to getting to the gate for a flight — is the focus, providing information on parking cost and spaces available at both airports, as well as near-real-time wait times for security checkpoints, ground transportation options, dining and shopping options, flight information and more.

Free Wi-Fi makes plugging in even easier: The free Wi-Fi at both Hobby and Bush airports has been rated as some of the fastest in any airport in the country and world, and there are plenty of charging stations and some seating at both airports with electrical outlets for re-charging mobile devices.

Know where you are going: Passengers can navigate the airport terminals now on fly2houston.com with an interactive map system that is mobile-device friendly. This intuitive tool will guide one step-by-step to where one wants to go throughout the airport. Use with any device; no app to download. This feature now shows user location as a blue dot for Apple devices in Safari. For Hobby Airport visit https://www.fly2houston.com/hou/interactive-map/ and for Bush Airport visit https://www.fly2houston.com/iah/interactive-map/.

Park and ride: Along with new routes that make shuttle rides from ecopark and ecopark2 lots at Bush Airport quicker and more efficient, improved GPS technology now provides updates on when shuttles will arrive at the terminals. Passengers can use the ETA Spot app on their smart device (available for download on iStore and GooglePlay), and new curbside kiosks at the terminals provide the estimated times for the next two shuttle bus arrivals.

Plan for the trip through security: Updates on the time it takes to clear the seven Transportation Security Administration security checkpoints at the five terminals at Bush Airport can be found at this link, and updates for the time it takes to clear the TSA security checkpoint at Hobby Airport can be found at this link.

Here are more helpful hints that can make traveling this time of year a little easier:

Get to the airport early: Arrive two hours before scheduled departure time

to ensure plenty of time for parking and unloading.

Parking: Check real-time available parking at Bush Airport here and at Hobby Airport here.

Prepare for security line: It's important to remember that TSA has implemented new, stronger screening procedures for carry-on items that require travelers to place all electronics larger than a cell phone in bins for X-ray screening in standard lanes, similar to how laptops have been screened for years. This simple step helps TSA officers obtain a clearer X-ray image. Also, passengers should have boarding pass and ID ready for display, remove shoes and everything from pockets before going through the metal detector or whole-body imaging technology at the checkpoint. Follow the 3-1-1 rule regarding liquids in carry-on bags. Visit the TSA's website — ts.gov — for a list of prohibited items and helpful travel tips, and if a member of TSA Pre, follow the signs at checkpoints to participate in expedited screening.

Come early and relax a little: Houston Airports have plenty of amenities to enhance the passenger experience before a flight. Harmony in the Air is a live performing arts program featuring some of Houston's best local talent.

Take time to enjoy the new concessions available at Houston airports. Finish holiday shopping. Houston airports offer a wide variety of retail shops that are sure to please.

For more information, the first stop on a holiday trip should always be fly2houston.com.

# Elected officials share their words

## District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

On this first day of December we are happy to see the most active hurricane season in history officially come to an end. Many Houstonians are in the process of repairing their homes and businesses as we head into the holiday season, which will look different for many families within District E. I encourage residents to reach out to neighbors and friends during this time of recovery because together we will rise above.

Earlier this month, Houston residents went to the polls and voted to restore the financial health of the City of Houston. Voter approval of the City's recent bond proposals allows for the replacement of aging first-responder vehicles, police and fire stations, library roofs, parks equipment and other essential facilities for public benefit. Additionally, the voter approved pension reform package will save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually and stabilize the pension funds for police, firefighters, and municipal employees.

In addition to voter approval of the bond

proposal, voter confidence has boosted the City's credit rating from Moody's which is a powerful endorsement of the hard work the City has accomplished towards becoming more fiscally sound. I continue to remain committed to making sure that the City stays focused to serving its residents to the best of my ability.

The city has much to celebrate this holiday season as we have seen communities come together in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Houston has successfully hosted the best Super Bowl our nation has seen, and the Astros have #EarnedHistory.

On behalf of the entire District E team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please note that our council office will be closed on Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25, as well as Monday, January 1, for my staff to spend time with their families. We will be happy to respond to your calls and emails when we return to the office on Tuesday, January 2.

## Rep. Green endorses Sen. Garcia

On Nov. 30, Congressman Gene Green endorsed Texas State Sen. Sylvia Garcia in her campaign for Congressional District 29. Green announced earlier this month that he would not seek re-election to this seat. "Sylvia has been an outstanding public servant and I know she will do an excellent job in Congress. On public education, immigration

reform, access to health-care, and so many other issues I care about, Sylvia has been a champion. I look forward to campaigning with her to continue strong leadership for the people of CD 29," said Congressman Green.

"It is an honor to have the support of Congressman Green in our bid for Congress. Gene's record of ex-

## Rep. Olson applauds House action on brownsfields sites

On Nov. 30, Rep. Pete Olson acted to help redevelop abandoned or contaminated properties and encourage economic development by voting for H.R. 3017, the Brownsfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act. Brownsfields are abandoned, closed or under-utilized industrial or commercial properties that may be contaminated because of their prior use. However, these sites often have great potential for redevelopment, if they are cleaned up properly. This bill

reauthorizes the EPA Brownsfields Program in order to help states and localities get the tools and guidance they need to clean up and redevelop brownsfields. It encourages cooperation between federal, state and local stakeholders in order to create jobs and revitalize local economies. H.R. 3017 passed the House with a vote of 409-8 and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

"There are more than 450,000 brownsfields in the United States," Rep. Pete Olson said. "Our very own Minute Maid Park, home to our World Series Champion Houston Astros, was a former brownfield. Now, the ballpark and surrounding area are a thriving section of Houston. The EPA Brownsfields Program makes it possible for communities to clean up old chemical plants, warehouses, or even gas stations to redevelop these areas and encourage job creation and economic development. Thanks to this program, we can look forward to seeing the transformation of more brownfields in the future."

## Bettencourt on higher taxes call

Sen. Paul Bettencourt is setting the record straight in response to Harris County Judge Ed Emmett's call for additional tax revenue during his "State of the County" speech on Nov. 28.

In press reports, Judge Emmett stated that the point of his speech was to argue that "enough is enough" and that the County needs more money to provide services to residents.

"Enough is enough, indeed," stated Lt. Gov. Patrick. "...Judge Emmett is clearly not listening to the people. Let's be absolutely clear - the property tax reforms we proposed this session didn't cap local spending but they would have prohibited local budgets from increasing more than 4% without voter approval. If Judge Emmett needs more than 4%, he simply has to convince the people to support it."

According to its County Certified Annual Financial Record, Harris County has seen a 36.4 percent increase in property tax revenue over just three years (2013-2016). Since there has been no overall property tax rate cut during this same time period, the average home in Harris County has seen a 36.4% increase on just the county portion of their property tax bill! In comparison, Travis County Commissioners Court cut its tax rate from approximately forty-nine cents to thirty-eight cents over the same period of time, which is a 22 percent eleven penny reduction in the property tax rate.

"It seems that even a

36.4% property tax bill increase on the average county homeowner is not enough," said Bettencourt.

"With Harris County homeowners literally receiving their property tax bills in the mail, in some cases on homes that have been damaged by Hurricane Harvey, Judge Emmett's comments cannot hide the fact that these astonishing percentage property tax bill increases are printed on the front and back of the actual property tax bill," said Bettencourt.

In addition to collecting 36.4 percent more revenue over just three years, Harris County has so far chosen not to trigger disaster reappraisal for homeowners who had their property damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. This means that a homeowner will be forced to pay property taxes on the Jan. 1, 2017 value of their home, even if their home was completely destroyed during Hurricane Harvey. While some taxing jurisdictions, such as Spring

# Deaths

C.J. Leslie



C.J. Leslie, 81, of Houston, beloved husband, father and grandfather died on Dec. 2, 2017. He was born to Joseph and Helen Leslie on Aug. 6, 1936, in Beaumont. (See related story Page 1A.)

On Jan. 30, 1959, C.J. married the love of his life, Lera Elizabeth Halpin. They settled in Houston where they raised their two children. C.J. was a U.S. Army Veteran, having served with 144th Infantry, 49th Armored Division.

He was the first choir director at J. Frank Dobie High School where he wrote the Fight Song and Alma Mater. He was also the music director of several area church choirs. He had a lifelong love of baseball and umpired countless games at the Little League, Pony League, High School and Southwest Conference levels. He also was an avid fisherman.

C.J. was the ultimate salesman, having perfected the art with Perry County Fundraising and for the last 16 years at Conn's.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Joseph Rogers Leslie Jr. He is survived by his wife; his son Craig and wife Shawn of League City; and his daughter Laura and her husband Charles, of Houston.

He is also survived by the three lights of his life, grandsons Jacob and Joshua Leslie and granddaughter Elizabeth Shelley. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law and sister-in-law the Rev. Carroll and Claire Jean Perry, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He had a love of music and teaching and leaves behind many cherished students who still have fond memories of their time in choir under his direction.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a funeral service to follow at 12:30 p.m. in the chapel of Grand View Funeral Home, 8501 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena, under the direction of Forest Park East, Webster, Texas.

Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster.

## Robert "Scotty" Burden



Robert "Scotty" Burden, 87, died on Nov. 24, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Scotty, as he was called, proudly served as a member of the British RASC before moving to the South Belt area in 1970.

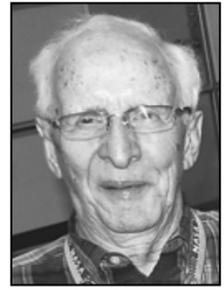
He worked for Local 1778 as a union glazier contracting for Binswanger and other companies before retiring from Clear Creek Independ-

dent School District in 2000.

He is survived by his devoted wife Marion; daughter Gailian Austin and husband Rick; son Stuart Burden; grandchildren Maria Lombardi, Brandon Burden, Collin Burden, Alec Austin and Sophie Austin; and three great-grandchildren. He loved his family dearly and will be greatly missed.

A visitation is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m., immediately followed by a 10 a.m. memorial service at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer Road.

## Jerry Dan Randolph



Longtime Sagemont resident and active community member Jerry Dan Randolph, 84, died in Clear Lake Thursday morning, Nov. 23, 2017, of complications from a stroke.

He was born in Hennessey, Oklahoma, on Oct. 24, 1933, to Jewel Dow and Aileen (Cooke) Randolph. After his family moved to Oklahoma City in 1943, he grew up and attended Classen High School where he met the love of his life and future spouse, Jerry Lea (McMillan) Randolph.

After graduating from high school in 1951, Jerry served in the U.S. Army as a forward radar control operator while stationed at Ladd Air Base in Fairbanks, Alaska, during the Korean conflict. Upon his discharge from the army in 1955, he returned to Oklahoma City where he attended the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University studying drafting and technical illustration.

He married his life-long partner and soul mate at Capitol Hill Baptist Church on June 15, 1956. He and his new bride began building their lives as he worked at various technical jobs and continued to attend college.

In 1963, he heard the call of the new space program being built in Houston. He moved his family to South Houston to begin what would become his 50-year involvement with the Johnson Space Center and NASA's manned space flight program. During this time, he worked for numerous space-related contractors including Philco-Ford Space Engineering, Singer-Link Corporation, G.E., Space Industries Inc., Barrios Technologies, Bastion Technologies and Hernandez Engineering.

He retired in 2013 at the age of 79 after having worked in the space program for 50 years. His tenure saw his involvement with Skylab, the Apollo-Soyuz mission, the Wake Shield project and the Space Shuttle program.

In 1970, he moved his family, now with a young son, to the new and developing Sagemont community where he became an active and contributing member. Jerry was an ardent supporter of the community and believed in supporting those activities which strengthened it as a whole.

He served on the board of the United Sports Association and the South Belt Little League Association which helped organize the youth sports of the Sagemont - Beverly Hills community. He announced at baseball games, helped with field preparation before games, was a referee at soccer games and helped with the transition of the baseball league during its move to the Dixie Farm Road location.

He served in the local Cub Scout troop. He was active in Sagemont Baptist Church as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the parking lot committee and worker in the bus ministry.

Jerry was also involved in

the J. Frank Dobie Longhorn band as an active band parent and halftime announcer, a skill he continued to pursue as his son went to college where Jerry became the "Voice of the Bearkat Marching Band."

Jerry was a kind and loving soul, a wonderful husband and loving father. He gave of his time and of himself to serve others. He loved being a part of something larger than himself and playing a role in helping others reach their potential. He always had a kind word for everyone. His kindness and generosity will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

Jerry leaves behind his wife of 61 years; his son and daughter-in-law Marshall Dan and Valerie (Cayan) Randolph; his grandchildren Emily Christine and Jonathan Daniel Randolph; and his sister Judy Gardner.

A memorial service will be held at Nassau Bay Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's name to Nassau Bay Baptist Church.

## Alice Pearl Wirt



Alice Pearl Wirt, 75, died on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, in Houston. She was at peace and surrounded by her family and close friends who believe she was received into heaven for her eternal reward.

Alice is preceded in death by her mom and dad Alta and Herbert Altice; brother Wallace Altice; and sister Barbara Witt.

Alice is survived by her loving husband and partner of 57 years, Bob Wirt; her sons Scott, Gary and Jason Wirt; eight grandchildren; and sister Becky Kelley of Virginia.

Alice was born in Salem, Virginia, on May 10, 1942. She met the love of her life, Bob, when she was 14 years old. They were married on Aug. 6, 1960. The couple spent the first 21 years of their marriage in Fairborn, Ohio, where Bob was stationed in the Air Force and where they started and raised their sons.

The family moved to League City in the summer of 1980. Alice worked at Bay Area Christian School for five years as a teacher's aide and 18 years at Clear Creek Independent School District in the food service department, from which she retired in 2004.

Alice built her home with love, acceptance, patience and affection and was warm and welcoming to friends and strangers alike. She loved to cook for her family and friends and engaging in meaningful conversation around the table. Christmas was Alice's favorite time of year and she loved putting smiles on the faces of her family with the many surprises she had for them during that time.

Alice had a way of making each person feel special and loved and appreciated. Even though she thoroughly enjoyed the giving of gifts at Christmas time she always made sure that everyone close to her understood the true meaning of Christmas. She always pointed them to Jesus.

Alice was strong in her Christian faith and loved the Lord with all her heart. She was a faithful member of Sagemont Baptist Church since 1992 where she taught Sunday school for many years. To the very end Alice exuded great concern for the souls of others with some of her last whispered words, "Bring them to Jesus."

Alice was a counselor at the Crisis Pregnancy Center for many years. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Alice's name may be made to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Friendswood.

## Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of *Everything Sagemont* Facebook page is looking for help for a coworker who lost everything in Hurricane Harvey and is in need of Christmas presents for the coworker's seven-year-old daughter. Clothing size would need to be girl's 7/8. The member is also helping another family and is in need of two bikes.

Some members of *The Mont!* Facebook page are selling different types of Christmas decorations for the holiday season.

The Facebook page *Community of Sagemont & 77089* is holding a Christmas giveaway for a member of the Facebook group. The rules are: the recipient must be an active member of the group as of Nov. 15; the person must

live in the Sagemont area 77089; the person must have had damage from the flood to qualify; and the benefit must be for a family of six or less.

The *South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce* Facebook page added the Jingle & Mingle open house to its calendar on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 281-481-5516.

A member of *South Belt Neighbors* Facebook page is looking for new members for Texas Fuego. Tryouts will be held at El Franco Lee Park. If interested, contact coach Richard Peralta at 832-921-0826.

A member of *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page posted information about his missing, ill cat named Morris. He is an orange, thin cat that went missing in the 12400

block of Dumas in 77034.

A member of *Everything Sagemont* Facebook page posted that CrushCity baseball team is looking for new members to fill the roster for the spring season. If one is interested in attending the open practice, contact Lucas Elizondo at 281-733-3292.

A member of the *Ashley Pointe Subdivision* Facebook page warns community members to be careful and aware of package deliveries. According to the member, a heavy box was found against the lamp post on the sidewalk in front of their home. They took it to the address shown on the box. The contents of the box turned out to be weights. The owners of the box said the box had been on their porch and then was gone.

## CLBC announces games, holiday parties

The Clear Lake Bridge Club, located at 16614 Sea Lark Road will have its regular duplicate bridge game schedule in December. The club will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25. During the last part of the month, Dr. Dave Glandorf, resident teacher, will be announcing his schedule for classes for January 2018. Glandorf will teach both beginning and advanced classes.

The club will have three special holiday parties during the month, and during the second week of December, every game will be an extra point game with the winners being awarded silver points. There are games every day of the week at the club, and there is a team game every Sunday at 1 p.m. If more information is needed, call the club at 281-480-1911, or contact the club director, Jim Ochsner, at jpochsner@aol.com, or by phone at 281-480-0776.

## CCART sets December meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a short business meeting followed by a holiday choral performance by the Clear Brook High School Choir under the leadership of Jon Marcom, director.

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. Annual dues are \$45.

## Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. *News About Us: South Belt Since the '70s*. Meet at the library for a presentation by Marie Flickinger of interesting and important stories about people and events in the South Belt area since the 1970s when Flickinger, editor of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, and her friend Bobby Griffin started the paper. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. Photo Organizing: *From Chaos and Clutter to Organized and Accessible*. In this one-hour, photo-organizing class, Amire Hemme, a retired project manager and owner of PreciousMemories, will discuss solutions for photo sorting and organizing problems of photos, slides and digital directories. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Last Jedi Pre-Party (all ages). For Younglings, Padawans, and Masters alike, the library is having a Last Jedi Pre-Party to celebrate the eighth movie release in the Skywalker Saga. Meet in the library community room for games, coding, snacks and a costume contest for both youth and adults. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Parker Williams Library.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 5 p.m. Basic Life Skills: Buying Presents (ages 12 and older). Meet in the library community room to learn some tips and tricks for picking out the perfect gift for Christmas or for a Secret Santa exchange.

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. Library hours this week 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.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. Santa at the library. 'Tis the season for a visit with Santa and time for a photo op, too. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m. Manga/Anime club

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. Para Los Niños

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Bracewell 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.

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# Nonprofit gives flood victims info to avoid area fraudsters

The National Center for the Prevention of Home Improvement Fraud in partnership with Houston Council Member Larry Green held the SmartPower seminar "Protecting Yourself from Home Repair Fraud and Scams" at Westbury High School Lecture Hall, 11911 Chimney Rock Road on Saturday, Dec. 2. The extensive flood damage in the Houston area makes flood victims ripe for contractor fraud and scams.

Speakers at the event included Houston Council Member Larry Green; Daniel Zwart, Consumer Protection Division, Texas attorney general; Jesse McClure, special prosecutor, Texas department of insurance; Albert Raymond, building official, City of Houston; Officer Chudy Onwuka, Houston Police Department; Elliott Klein, Esq., local Houston attorney; and others.

"The devastation from Hurricane Harvey has left many Houston residents displaced from their homes," said Green. "As we move forward to rebuild our community, it is important that our residents have access to the immediate resources they need. When our essential needs, such as finding the right contractor to repair our

homes are not met, we jeopardize our mental and physical health.

"It is paramount that we connect our District K constituents to the various resources that can provide recovery information following this storm. The recovery process will take time and I remain committed to serving my constituents and ensuring their needs are met. This is why I'm proactively sponsoring this educational community workshop to ensure they are connected and well informed as they rebuild through this recovery process," said Green.

Topics of discussion included how to find, hire, work with and pay contractors to avoid being ripped off including finding contractors, vetting them, the building permitting process, insurance issues one may not know about, what should and should not be in the contract, how to set up payment schedules to avoid being ripped off, lien releases and much more.

"Disaster/storm victims are especially vulnerable to contractor scams," said Phae Moore, a home repair fraud prevention expert and executive director of NCPHIF. "After a disaster hits, scam

artists take advantage of stressed-out homeowners, making them victims, twice."

Moore is also the author of "Don't Even Think About Ripping Me Off!" a step-by-step instructional guidebook for homeowners on how to find, hire, work with and pay contractors. "For me, it's personal because my grandmother was ripped off by a contractor," said Moore. "I remember the pain in her face. It will stay with me always. That's why I started the organization. I don't want it to happen to anyone else."

Moore said that after one disaster, a homeowner was in such a hurry to get back to normal that they hired a contractor on the spot and did not check them out. "He did shoddy work and kept asking her for more money. It's been two years and she is still not back in her home," Moore said.

"There are excellent and honest contractors out there, but you still need to educate yourself on the process. I cannot stress that enough," said Moore. "It's so frustrating to get calls from homeowners who have already been scammed. It breaks my heart because by then, it's too late," Moore said.

## Zamora named CFO



Teri Zamora will begin her career at San Jacinto College as vice chancellor, fiscal affairs on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. Photo submitted

# New San Jac CFO begins in January

Teri Zamora has been named vice chancellor, fiscal affairs at San Jacinto College. Zamora currently serves as senior vice chancellor of finance and administration at Houston Community College, and will assume her position at San Jacinto College on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018.

"Ms. Zamora comes to us with more than 20 years of increasingly responsible senior leadership experience," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "At Houston Community College, she has been at the center of reimagining the institution. She skillfully led the transformation of the financial and administrative areas, as well as developed and implemented a fiscal strategy that has resulted in prudent budgets and the acceleration of debt retirement."

Through her financial experience she designed procedures to streamline the budgeting process and increase transparency. I look forward to her joining our team here at San Jacinto College.

As the vice chancellor, fiscal affairs at San Jacinto College, Zamora will oversee the following departments: facilities services; contracts and purchasing; auxiliary services; internal audit; safety, health and risk management; budgets; accounting and financial services; comptroller; office of grants management; and the police department.

At HCC, Zamora coordinates all financial, accounting and budget functions of the college. She oversees facility operations, and has been working on the expenditure of the \$425 million bond funds that voters in that district approved in 2013. Her areas of oversight also include financial aid, purchasing, IT, human resources and the police department.

Zamora holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from the University of North Texas, and a Master of Accountancy from the University of Texas - Pan American (now the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley).

asked what interests her in this position. "The collaboration and cooperation between the various areas of the college, the governing board and the local community are apparent. I look forward to learning and contributing as the college continues to embrace future opportunities."

Prior to working at HCC, Zamora served as vice president of business services at Paris Junior College where she coordinated the annual preparation of the budget, and helped to develop and implement a comprehensive long-range financial plan for the college. She oversaw the operations of all financial, student and grant accounting, banking, purchasing, auxiliary services, physical plant and construction areas of the college.

Before Paris Junior College, Zamora worked at Texas State Technical College. She served as vice president, financial services before moving up to vice president, financial and administrative services. She was then promoted to executive vice president, financial and administrative services and associate vice chancellor of institutional research.

"I love the community college mission, and know that many of our students would literally have no opportunity to advance their education if their local community college did not exist," added Zamora. "The access that we are able to provide is life-changing for many, and offers a path to a more fulfilling future than students would have otherwise had." She adds that the first graduation ceremony she attended was evidence of the joy in accomplishment that students and their families experience, and it is a memory that has remained a motivation for her ever since.

"I am impressed by the stability, growth and overall success of San Jacinto College," said Zamora when

# Jessup receives donation from Idaho

By Laura Benavides Scallan Since the three months that Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, Jessup Elementary received a generous, cross-country donation of school supplies all the way from Clark Fork, Idaho.

KC MacDonald, teacher at Clark Fork Junior High and High School in Clark Fork, knew he had to act once he saw what Hurricane Harvey did to Houston. Through an adopt-a-school program called "Principals Helping Principals" on social media, MacDonald received a list of schools that needed help post-Harvey.

"Cabo San Lucas is one of the biggest apartment complexes that feeds into Jessup, said Jennifer Chavez, assistant principal at Jessup Elementary. "Hurricane Harvey destroyed most of the first floor of the complex which was over 500 units. Jessup families are staying in hotels, doubling up, and even commuting as far as Stafford just to make sure their kids continue to attend Jessup. After the hurricane, Jessup staff teamed up with CT Church to help families at Cabo San Lucas. Despite losing valuable items such as

furniture, beds, and precious family pictures, we continued to hear the same fear and anxiety from our families, 'My son/daughter lost their backpack with all their school supplies, can they still come to school?'"

After reaching out to Jessup Elementary's Principal Ryan Pavone, MacDonald began to collect donation items to send to the students of Jessup Elementary. Along with his own school, MacDonald was able to team up with three other schools from his area, Washington, Sagle and Hope elementary schools. Thus, Operation Wampus Cat was initiated.

To entice students to participate in Operation Wampus Cat, MacDonald even offered to award the grade level of each school who collected the most donation items with an ice cream party. Let's just say, that was an enticing enough prize to inspire kids to be compassionate and giving. Once the students were explained what happened in Houston and how Jessup Elementary and its students were affected, they wanted to help even more. In all, MacDonald collected 500 pounds in

school supplies. Once MacDonald collected all the donations, he was met with a serious and good question—how will the donations get to Houston? After inquiring about shipping cost, he came up with an even better idea. MacDonald reached out to his local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

MacDonald sent an email to his local VFW that explained what he wanted to do and said "Don't call me crazy, but is this crazy?" The response he received was that the operation was possible, and the veterans wanted to help. The VFW was able to find volunteer veterans to pick up and drive the trailer all the way to Houston, no questions asked. The veterans would pass off the trailer from one to another until it reached its final destination at Jessup Elementary.

After packing up all the supplies with his students, MacDonald rented a U-Haul and started the journey to Houston on Nov. 12. To honor his grandfather, Boyd Nelson, MacDonald called him up and talked to him along his portion of the drive. It meant a lot due to his grandfather being

a veteran of the Korean War and not able to physically ride along.

On Nov. 27, the U-Haul arrived at Jessup Elementary thanks to veterans Inge A. Conley, VFW state senior vice commander, and Phillip "Terry" Contella, District 4 and Post 5619 commander, who were the ones who drove the trailer once it reached Texas.

MacDonald also had the opportunity to be driven around the community, where several Jessup students live, to see some of the damage and recovery first-hand.

Students, teachers and staff were grateful and excited to not only have a visitor from out of state but to have also received such generosity from others so far away. Although Hurricane Harvey brought heartache to the community, it also made it possible for cross-county communities to come together and make bonds that will last a lifetime.

"KC MacDonald and Clark Fork Junior/Senior High School couldn't have come at a better time," Chavez said. "There was still a need for school supplies after all the items lost due to Hurricane Harvey."

# UHCL announces calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its most recent calendar briefs.

**Autism speaker series — "Teaching Tolerance: Managing Meltdowns"**

Be effective in teaching tolerance and patience to individuals with developmental disabilities with guidance from Kelsey Campbell, a third-year graduate student in behavioral analysis at University of Houston-Clear Lake.

The free event is Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building at UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The speaker series is part of community outreach efforts of the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Parents, teachers, and professionals are invited to attend. Advance registration is required.

To learn more or to register, visit [www.uhcl.edu/autism-center](http://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center).

**UCLA college students' art exhibit at UH-Clear Lake**

The exhibition runs through Dec. 14, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon, showcasing art of community college students from the Houston metro area.

**UH-Clear Lake commencement Dec. 17**

Celebrate University of Houston-Clear Lake graduates at the fall 2017 commencement ceremonies on Dec. 17 at NRG Arena, One NRG Park, Houston.

Two ceremonies will be held during the day. The ceremony for graduates of the College of Education and the College of Science and Engineering will begin at noon and the ceremony for students from the College of Business and the College of Human Sciences and Human-

ities will begin at 5 p.m.

Graduating students should arrive at least two hours before the start of their ceremony. Guests of graduating students do not need tickets to attend. Students may invite as many guests as they like, but guest seating will be first-come, first-served. Those who cannot attend the event may watch the live streaming video of the ceremonies online, which will become available one hour before each ceremony begins.

For more information, visit [www.uhcl.edu/commence](http://www.uhcl.edu/commence) or call the Office of the Registrar at 281-283-2525. Free parking is available in the visitor lot or student lot D. For more information, call 281-283-3376 or visit [www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery](http://www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery).

**UH-Clear Lake holiday closure**

University of Houston-Clear Lake and University of Houston-Clear Lake Pearlman campus will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 2, 2018 for winter break.

Normal hours will resume Wednesday, Jan. 3. For more information, visit [www.uhcl.edu](http://www.uhcl.edu). In case of a campus emergency over the break, call the UHCL Police Department at 281-283-2222.

**UHCL spring open registration through Jan. 12**

Students returning to University of Houston-Clear Lake can register for classes online for the spring 2018 semester until Jan. 12. Late registration runs from Jan. 13-23. Classes begin Jan. 16.

For course schedules or registration, visit [www.uhcl.edu/academics](http://www.uhcl.edu/academics).

**Register for foreign language classes through Jan. 16**

Learn a new language and get personal attention from experts at Universi-

ty of Houston-Clear Lake's non-credit foreign language program. Small classes and private tutoring are available for Spanish, Mandarin, Italian, German, Japanese, Russian and more.

Classes focus on conversational skills. English courses for professionals are also available. Group courses cost \$145, with private instruction of 10 available for \$600.

Registration is open through Jan. 16. To register or learn more, visit [www.uhcl.edu/fl](http://www.uhcl.edu/fl) or call the Foreign Language and English Enhancement Program, 281-283-3033.

**Bayou Theater offers Flex Pass for holiday gift-givers**

Need an intermission from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season? The Bayou Theater at University of Houston-Clear Lake is offering a stocking-sized Flex Pass, perfect for the theater lovers on any gift list.

"This year, we're offering a Flex Pass to our patrons who would like to get a great deal on some outstanding performances," said Bayou Theater Executive Director Alex Malone. "When you purchase at least four of the remaining six shows of the season, you get 20 percent off your order. And if you purchase all six, you save \$20 — so it's one free show!"

To purchase tickets, visit [www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/events-tickets](http://www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/events-tickets). The offer is valid through Dailey and Vincent's performance on Feb. 21.

The six shows included in the Flex Pass are The Quebe Sisters, Dailey and Vincent, Bumper Jacksons, Brave Combo, and performances of "Splendors of Italian Baroque" and Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" by Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined.

# Blake's first 100 days at UHCL honored

In charting a course for the future, you must be mindful of the past, to paraphrase Ira. K. Blake during a special presentation honoring her first 100 days as president of University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Blake illustrated her point with the Ghanaian proverb of Sankofa, traditionally symbolized by a bird with its head turned backward carrying a precious egg on its back.

"The proverb translates, 'It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten,'" Blake said. "By extension, Sankofa tells us that out of strong history comes a stronger future."

She used the allegory to emphasize UHCL's promise as a high-impact university for the 21st century.

"That promise will be compromised if we do not define what it means for us; what it takes for us to accomplish it; how to determine that we are actually making our desired progress; and what, where, when and how to adjust is necessary in our joint pursuit of that promise."

With that in mind, Blake announced that in spring 2018 the university will embark on developing its next strategic plan — to pick out the path for growth between the rocks and ravines of upcoming legislative budget cycles.

Blake said the planning process will include "full representation of our campus membership as well as the inclusion of some of our alumni

and key invested community partners."

The last strategic plan for UHCL, developed for 2010-2015, saw the university's expansion to a full four-year institution, the addition of several graduate and undergraduate programs, the introduction of doctoral programs and the expansion of online degrees. It culminated in funding for the university's physical expansion as well — including campuses in Pearlman and the Texas Medical Center. New buildings are now under construction on the Clear Lake campus and in Pearlman.

**Learnings and impressions**

Commenting on what she has learned in her first 100 days, the transplanted Pennsylvanian talked of her experience with Hurricane Harvey, her first coastal hurricane. Just 25 days into Blake's tenure, her first major decision was to close the campus before the fall semester began. After Harvey, faculty, administrators, staff and students worked to bring relief to the disaster-stricken community.

"The hidden lining of Harvey was not silver but one of UH-Clear Lake Kevlar," said Blake. "Working with UH-Clear Lake leaders on the emergency management team, I learned that we are a community of care, commitment and cooperation."

"But more so, we are also tough. There is a saying sometimes when things are falling apart they may be actually fall-

ing into place. Our response to Harvey taught me that when we move in the same direction for a common purpose, we are unstoppable. Unbreakable. Triumphant."

**Pursuit of educational excellence**

Blake acknowledged UHCL's roots, explaining UHCL's creation in the early 1970s to provide advance studies to NASA Johnson Space Center administrators, engineers, scientists and astronauts.

"Some of the most persistent, intelligent, creative, imaginative, innovative people on the face of the Earth — who would not settle for poor instruction, incomplete knowledge, limited expertise, bridled curiosity and constrained possibilities — completed degrees at UH-Clear Lake," Blake said.

"The lesson is that our faculty are brilliant teachers. They are active scholars who do not simply regurgitate past knowledge and instruction, but design academic programs and learning opportunities which use past knowledge as a fulcrum for better understanding...to stimulate meaningful problem-solving...to unleash imagination...to spur invention...and not so simply...to change our world for the better."

**Importance of peer learning**

"I arrive sometimes very early to UH-Clear Lake, and I am amazed to see students already here," said Blake. "Some of them studying

together, others engaged in conversation. We need to explore how we can increase more formal, substantive peer learning experiences, for example, through group assignments, focused discussion, forensic competitions, service learning projects, student abroad and away, interdisciplinary student research and the like."

**Career exploration and development**

Blake acknowledged that career exploration and development are important and essential complements to academic teaching.

"UH-Clear Lake's history indicates that recognition of and respect for the connectiveness between careers in the real world and academic study are part of our educational fabric," she said.

She emphasized the importance of experiential learning opportunities for students of all levels.

"Intuitively, we want students to explore their dispositional preferences, skills strengths and weaknesses, global career interests, taking at least one career road trip in their first year. In their second year, I can imagine students participating in some job-shadowing or a well-structured group project for a not-for-profit or small business.

"And in their third or fourth year, students would take on an internship, study abroad or away in their major or career interest, work on a

community research project or develop a service learning project that enables them to use knowledge and skills for their major," she said.

"You might ask how would we ever do this? I would answer through arrangements with businesses, organizations, and agencies in our service region and around the world... but especially through our network of 60 thousand-plus alumni."

**Student-centered**

"It is important to know who we serve — not only the number of students, but their levels, and demographically who they are," Blake said.

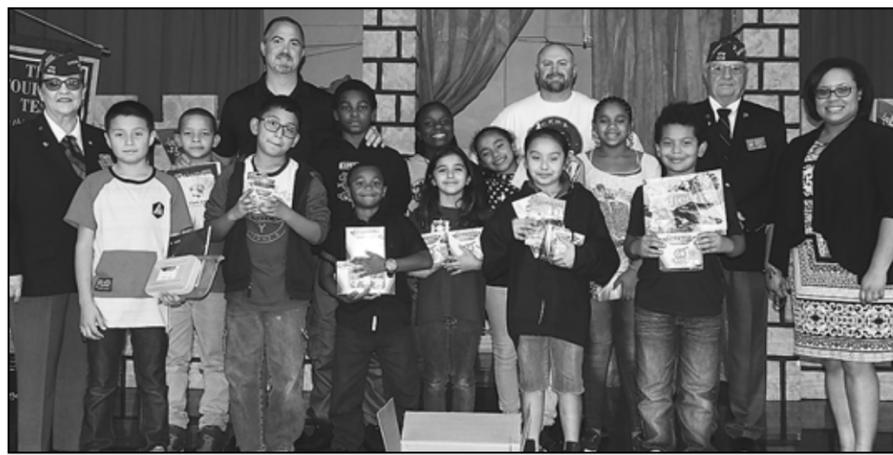
"If we intend to continue delivering the highest quality educational experiences to the students we admit, then we need to understand — at a minimum — who they are, what strengths and weaknesses they bring to us in terms of our educational goals for them, and what changes their interests, both in terms of major and career."

She quoted Alexander Den Heijer, a Dutch motivational speaker. "When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower."

Just as Blake opened with her thanks to those in attendance, she closed with thanks while presenting a photo slide of herself with students.



KC MacDonald, teacher at Clark Fork Junior/Senior High School, (center) was able to deliver much-needed school supplies and other donations to Jessup Elementary School on a journey that started on Nov. 12 and ended Nov. 27. Shown with MacDonald are, left to right, Valencia Noland, Jessup Elementary counselor; Inge A. Conley, VFW state and senior vice commander; Phillip "Terry" Contella, District 4 and Post 5619 commander; and Ryan Pavone, Jessup Elementary principal. Photos by Laura Benavides Scallan



The U-Haul with donation items was unloaded by Jessup Elementary students. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Angel Magana, Christian Sanchez, Hector Pena, Ariana Aguirre, Niah Facundo, Johnothon Mayo, (middle row) Edmond Pattum, Jacobi Wilson, Skyy Williams, Aya Duron, Camron Tavarez, (back row) Inge A. Conley, Ryan Pavone, KC MacDonald, Phillip "Terry" Contella and Valencia Noland.

# Turner, Emmett announce \$28.9 million more in aid, services in Harvey aftermath

Mixing a sense of urgency with the need to be accountable and transparent to the public, the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund announced the distribution of \$28.9 million in donated funds to 90 local nonprofit organizations that will provide financial aid and services to Houston/Harris County flood victims.

The fund was founded by Mayor Sylvester Turner and County Judge Ed Emmett to channel the exceptional generosity and compassion of Houston and Harris County area residents — as well as

companies, foundations and individuals from across the United States — into tangible ways to help their neighbors in need as soon as possible.

The announcement marks the second round of fund disbursements even as officials are working on the third round to be completed by January. Since its founding after the hurricane, the fund has collected more than \$100 million and, with today's announcement, has distributed more than \$36 million. The fund will continue to collect donations through Dec. 31, 2017.

"Bouncing back from disaster is hard work for flood victims trying to repair homes, pay for temporary housing, replace damaged personal belongings and start their lives over," Judge Emmett said. "So, the administrators of the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund are working hard to meet their needs. It's a process that is making a difference."

Turner added, "I am heartened to see that round two of the distribution of donations from so many kind donors is based on data about needs in the community and will boost

the well-being of the entire Houston area with direct financial aid and services that government simply cannot supply. The relief fund will never cease honing its effectiveness and speed as the distribution of funds continues to aid seniors, children and everyone else in need. The reach of this round's distribution is deep and will improve the lives of many in our city. Our work will continue as we identify the best and most meaningful ways to distribute the funds over the next months."

# Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital included in ACS NSQIP recognition

The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program has recognized Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital, Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital, and Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center as four of 66 ACS NSQIP participating hospitals that have achieved meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care.

As a participant in ACS NSQIP, the hospitals are required to track the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures and collect data that directs patient safety and the quality of surgical care improvements.

The ACS NSQIP recognition program commends a select group of hospitals, or those within the top 10 percent of participating hospitals, for achieving a composite meritorious outcome

related to patient management in eight clinical areas:

- Mortality;
- Unplanned intubation;
- On a ventilator for more than 48 hours;
- Renal failure;
- Cardiac incidents (cardiac arrest and myocardial infarction);
- Respiratory (pneumonia);
- SSI (surgical site infections—superficial and deep incisional and organ-space SSIs); or
- Urinary tract infection.

The 66 hospitals commended achieved the distinction based on their outstanding composite quality score across the eight areas listed above.

ACS NSQIP is the only nationally-validated quality improvement program that measures and enhances the care of surgical patients. This program measures the actual surgical results 30 days postoperatively, as well as risk-adjusted patient characteristics to compensate for differences among patient populations and acuity levels. The goal of ACS NSQIP is to reduce surgical morbidity (infection or illness related to a surgical procedure) and surgical mortality (death related to a surgical procedure) and to provide a firm foundation

for surgeons to apply what is known as the "best scientific evidence" to the practice of surgery.

Furthermore, when adverse effects from surgical procedures are reduced and/or eliminated, a reduction in health care costs follows. ACS NSQIP is a major program of the American College of Surgeons and is currently used in nearly 800 adult and pediatric hospitals.

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# Choir program a hit



Atkinson Elementary held its choir program recently and it gave third-grade students the opportunity to display their musical talent with the fourth-grade choir. Shown, left to right, are third-graders Sandy Armenta of Belva Alaniz' class; and Alan Hamlett, third-grade of Elizabeth Cecil's class. Photo by Nathan Hamlett

# Diaz delivered State of Airports address

While the Houston Airport System weathered the storm — literally, like all of Houston affected by the storms and flooding produced by Hurricane Harvey — there were some shining moments to celebrate when Houston Aviation Director Mario C. Diaz delivered the annual State of the Airports address Friday, Nov. 17, before a crowd of more than 400 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**BEST WISHES, DAVID AND ELLIE!** Greetings are sent to David Flickinger, South Belt-Ellington Leader president, and his wife, Ellie, who celebrate their sixth anniversary Dec. 10 from daughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca; grandchildren Kelvin Lopez, Noah, Elliana and Isabella Abarca; parents Marie and David Flickinger; brother Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger; niece Kimberly Flickinger; niece Courtney and husband Chris Durham and children Abigail and Jackson; and the staff at the Leader.

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)** J. Frank Dobie's varsity basketball team defeated Smiley 54-48 to win first place in a tournament. Members of the 147th FIG of the Texas Air National Guard collected food, toys and clothes for needy families for their 24th annual Christmas project.

# WOH part of 2018 Grunt Style Air Show

The CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow has been named one of four participating air shows featured in the inaugural 2018 Grunt Style Air Show Majors tour. The tour showcases a collection of America's most prestigious air shows including: SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In & Expo in Lakeland, Florida, the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach, Cleveland National Air Show, and the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Wings Over Houston Airshow.

# AARP seeks tax volunteers

Yearly, the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide group assists more than 50,000 elderly and low-to-moderate income taxpayers in Houston and surrounding communities. Tax-Aide is seeking volunteers to work as tax-preparers, facilitators, greeters, technology coordinators and translators (speakers of both Spanish and English are especially needed).

# Christmas comes early to Burnett Elementary, Scarsdale



Above, Lisa Baumann (left), teacher at Burnett Elementary, is shown with Thi Nguyen. Nguyen was taught by Baumann when she was in third grade. Shown below is a view of some of the people who attended the event. Photos by Marie Flickinger

**Continued from Page 1A** Mayor Jeff Wagner was also in attendance to assist in the gift giving. Burnett students were each given two presents on Friday, Dec. 1. A raffle was held to award a bicycle to two students, a boy and a girl, in each grade level. The school's two selected Pre-K students received a Power Wheel vehicle instead of a bike.



Above are some of the prizes for the winners of an art contest. The bicycles were also given to one boy and one girl from each grade level that were chosen at random.



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## Dobie art students spread holiday cheer at VA hospital



For the third consecutive year, students from Dobie's art department visited the Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital in Houston. Students shared their artistic talents and spread some holiday cheer on Dec. 1 by decorating patients' doors at the Community Living Center in which many patients currently live. In addition, students delivered handmade holiday cards. Above, shown getting decorations ready are, left to right around the table, Stephanie Albert, Esmeralda Gonzalez, Nikki Nguyen, Belinda Duran and Jonathan Gonzalez. In the photo, right, shown decorating a door are, left to right, Gonzalez, Nguyen and Duran.

Photos by Grace Delgado



Project L.O.V.E. (Longhorns Outreach for Veterans' Enrichment) is a community service project created by senior student Graciella Delgado and sponsored by Stephanie Albert, Dobie art lead teacher. Veterans that live in this unit truly appreciated the gesture which made them feel cared for, recognized and remembered. Shown with

the large-scaled card are, left to right, Stephanie Albert, Esmeralda Gonzalez, Cindy Vuong, Nikki Nguyen, Graciella Delgado, Belinda Duran, Michaela Taylor, Rosalinda Mascorro Lopez, Sami Yu, Dianna Torres, Alejandra Abascal, Madison Hogan, Trang Vu, Annette Govea, Jonathan Gonzalez and Sherrie Kent.

## Martin, PWE continue open comment period on El Dorado Boulevard widening

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin and the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department hosted a public input meeting on Nov. 29 to discuss proposed alignment options and gather input from the surrounding communities for the El Dorado Boulevard Widening Project.

The scope of work includes the expansion of the current two-lane roadway to four lanes on El Dorado Boulevard, from Clear Lake City Boulevard to Horsepen Bayou.

Martin and PWE will continue to gather community input until Friday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. For residents that were

unable to attend the meeting, the alignment options and information about the project can be found on Martin's website at <http://www.houstontx.gov/council/e/>. The involvement of residents is essential to the process, and the input provided will have an impact on the timeline as well as the look of the overall project. At the end of the comment period, all comments will be evaluated and considered in the selection of the final alignment. Comments should be emailed to [rebuildhouston@houstontx.gov](mailto:rebuildhouston@houstontx.gov). For more information, contact the District E office at 832-393-3008 or via email at [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov).

## Free repair advice available in Harris County

As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, FEMA and home-improvement stores in Harris County have teamed up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

FEMA mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods that will prevent or reduce damage from future disasters.

Most of the information and the free publications provided are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics covered include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes. Free reference booklets with information on protecting a home from flood damage will be available.

FEMA advisers will be available at McCoy's Building Supply, 6100 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena, Thursday, Dec. 7, and Friday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit [www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation](http://www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation).

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## Meador Spelling Bee winners announced



Third- and fourth-grade finalists competed in the Meador Spelling Bee on Dec. 5. Third-grader Gavin Burchfield won this year's spelling bee. Burchfield's winning word was "conundrum." Burchfield will represent Meador Elementary at the district spelling bee

on Feb. 20, 2018. Fourth-grader Itzel Sosa was the runner up. Shown are, left to right, Kathryn Katsus, peer facilitator; Itzel Sosa, fourth-grader; Burchfield, third-grader; and Beverly Bolton, principal.

Photo by Tara Merida

## Houston's airports continue to improve

Continued from Page 4A Diaz said, and that helped place Hobby Airport — which celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2017 — in the Top 10 of the J.D. Power rankings for passenger satisfaction.

Ellington Airport and the Houston Spaceport project reached significant milestones in 2017, with Ellington first breaking ground for the construction of a new air traffic control tower that will both serve its general aviation and military partners, as well as provide new technology for operations by Reusable Launch Vehicles. All of this before Ellington celebrated its 100th anniversary, and along with the beginning of a \$12.4 million project to provide important infrastructure improvements.

Technology played a key role in the airports' efforts to not only meet, but exceed the expectations of the traveling public. The airports pioneered wayfinding technology, with turn-by-turn directions available on the mobile friendly fly2houston.com website, as well as a "Smart Restroom" program that utilizes iPads to provide information that will help with staffing and maintaining the facilities.

"Next generation technology and the utilization of big data is an important part of the effort to provide better passenger service," Diaz said. With a strong financial projection — in FY2017, the total net position for the airport system increased to about \$1.48 billion, thanks to operating revenue increases including parking revenue and a decrease in operating expenses — Diaz said Houston's airports did more than just stay above water in 2017, it continued to elevate the travel experience for Houstonians.

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## Rosette wins card contest



Kayla Rosette, third grade student at Meador Elementary was one of this year's winners in the Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union Christmas Card Art contest. Seven winners, ages 12 and under, were selected. Rosette won \$50 and her art work will be featured on this year's GCEFCU's Christmas card. Shown with Kayla (center) are her mother Rebecca Rosette (left) and Cecilia Stewart, art liaison.

Photo by Tara Merida

## Hurricane Harvey statistics released

The deadline for registering with FEMA has passed, but that does not mean FEMA is leaving. Much work remains to be done in Texas and FEMA continues working with Texas Emergency Management to help survivors and communities recover.

Survivors with extenuating circumstances may still apply for disaster assistance after the Nov. 30 registration deadline. Late applications will be reviewed for possible approval, but applicants will have to submit a letter explaining why they were not able to apply before the deadline. After registering late, a notification will be sent to the applicant.

After receiving the notification, the applicant must submit a letter to FEMA that includes an explanation for the late application, with supporting documentation.

Extenuating circumstances may include: hospitalization, death of an immediate family member, or personal or business travel.

Explanation letters must be submitted (postmarked if sent via mail) within 60 days of the notification letter from FEMA. FEMA will review for approval or denial.

One U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Outreach Center has opened. Located at the Deweyville Senior Center in the city of Orange, the DLOC will operate Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. SBA representatives continue to help business owners, homeowners and renters with their disaster loan applications at DRCs, SBA Business Recovery Centers and DLOCs. For information, call 800-659-2955, visit [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster), or email [sbaastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:sbaastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call 800-877-8339.

The Direct Housing effort led by the State of Texas has housed 525 families to date in temporary units. Also, 46 units are ready for occupancy and 93 units are in the process of electric hookup — final

stages prior to move in. The Texas General Land Office and FEMA will work continuously through the holiday season to make housing a reality for thousands of Texans recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

Individuals and households in Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties are eligible to apply for federal disaster assistance through IHP.

As of Dec. 3: Total registrations: 893,997 (450,007 in Harris County)

Individuals and households program approved: \$1.44 billion (\$684.758 million in Harris County)

Housing assistance approved: \$1.12 billion

Other needs assistance approved: \$322 million (\$168,373 million in Harris County)

FEMA inspectors in the field: 220

FEMA inspections completed: 585,751

Total DRC visits: 212,613

Transitional shelter assistance

The TSA program provides short-term hotel stays to survivors who were displaced from their homes and need shelter while they look for longer-term housing. The TSA deadline has been extended to Jan. 16, 2018.

As of Dec. 3: Total TSA rooms occupied: 14,956

Total TSA applicants checked in: 13,051 (Texas: 12,706) (Harris County: 6,480)

Total hotels utilized: 1,325.

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# Stuchbery Elementary celebrates 50th anniversary

## Hernandez greets Baccaro



Current Stuchbery Principal Jose Hernandez (left) is shown above with former Beverly Hills Intermediate Principal Tommy Baccaro. Baccaro's wife, Carol Baccaro, is a former Stuchbery teacher, and their son, Anthony Baccaro (shown on Page 1A), is a former student at the school. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

## Charba, Teichelman connect



Former Stuchbery teacher Barbara Charba (left) is shown above with former Stuchbery Principal Nancy Teichelman at the local elementary school's 50th anniversary celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Teichelman served as principal from 1987 to 2005. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

## Lipsey visits new wing



Stuchbery officials dedicated a wing of the school to longtime kindergarten teacher Shirleene Lipsey, who recently passed away. Shown, above, as the first visitors to the new wing are Lipsey's close friend, Linda Webster (left), and Lipsey's husband, Carl Lipsey. Shirleene Lipsey taught at Stuchbery for 38 years, serving from 1973 to 2015. *Photo by James Bolen*

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## A view from the school's past



The South Belt Houston Digital History Archive website, operated by former area resident Tori Saltzman Mask, shared the above photo of Stuchbery Elementary during its 1967 opening year. There is a noticeable lack of trees in the picture due to the relative newness of the neighborhood. The models of the cars in the school's parking lot illustrate the era in which this photo was taken.

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## Principals, administrators gather



Shown, above, at the Stuchbery 50th anniversary celebration are, left to right, Pasadena Independent School District Associate Superintendent Alyta Harrell, current Stuchbery Principal Jose Hernandez, former Stuchbery Principal Nancy Teichelman (1987-2005), former Stuchbery Principal Jackie Salisbury (2005-2014), former Stuchbery Principal Carolyn Waller (2014-2017) and Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell. *Photo by Jade Wise*

## Styles of dress over the years



Stuchbery staff members presented a show displaying the various fashions from the school's 50-year history. Shown, above, representing both teacher and student attire throughout the years are, left to right, current Stuchbery Principal Jose Hernandez, Jessica Tran, Lauren Palos, Karina Moreno, Lourdes Guenard, Bethany Welch, Jose Wong, Heather Trog, Moriah Mathews, Alex Whited, Demetrious Bush, Dylan Richter, Jessica Reed, Linda Bravo and Erika Willis. *Photo by Jade Wise*



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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## District 24-6A football: Brook's Milton still an Ironman

Clear Springs went out and did what Clear Springs usually does – win the District 24-6A championship in the varsity football ranks.

Clear Lake, tired of sitting home at postseason time, put together its finest regular season in a decade, eventually reaching the second round of the playoffs.

Dickinson, shrugging off an 0-2 start to league play, rallied behind star player Montel Parker and a stingy defense to again reach the postseason. Once, there, the Gators also reached the second round.

Friendswood, bouncing back from the 2016 grad-

uation of current Southern Methodist University freshman Tyler Page, started the season at 5-1 and never looked back.

It was a grand season for the 24-6A ranks and, subsequently, several of the top players on the respective teams made a solid impression.

The league's head coaches convened earlier this month to elect the league's award winners in addition to fill out the first- and second-team rosters.

Understandably, Clear Springs stood out among the big boys.

Head coach Craig Dailey, who led the Chargers to the 24-6A cham-

ampionship, was named the league's Coach of the Year.

Parker, chosen as the 24-6A Preseason Offensive Player of the Year, held up his end of the bargain, winning the 24-6A Most Valuable Player honor after putting together a dominating season for the Gators. In addition to being the league's Most Valuable Player, Parker scored first team accolades as a receiver.

Back to Clear Springs, senior tailback Todd Hudson was the league's Offensive Player of the Year after leading the 24-6A ranks in rush yards this season.

Chargers' quarterback Garrett Rooker, who excelled in preseason workouts and went on to win the team's vacant starting quarterback role, played so well this season that he was named the 24-6A Newcomer of the Year.

Linebacker Jake Yurachek, who stepped up to

lead a Mustangs' defensive unit that shut down some of the district's top offenses, was recognized as the Defensive Player of the Year.

As for Clear Brook, senior and three-year varsity standout M.J. Milton was named as an Ironman Award winner for the second straight season, this time sharing the honor with Friendswood's Calvin Whitaker. Milton and Whitaker both contributed in multiple phases of the

game for their respective teams this season.

Milton, primarily a receiver/running back/return man before 2017, made the shift to defensive back this season.

A Baylor University commit, Milton was also named a first team performer from his cornerback spot. Whitaker, the league's co-winner of the Ironman Award, was a dual threat at fullback and inside linebacker for the Mustangs

delivered the program's best finish to a season in 20 years.

This season, the Wolf

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Clear Brook did not enjoy the same success it did in 2016, when a trip to the third round of the playoffs

delivered the program's best finish to a season in 20 years.

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**Wolverines' Milton chosen 24-6A's Ironman winner**  
At right, Clear Brook varsity football standout M.J. Milton (10), shown victimizing the South Houston defense earlier this season with a long gain after a short reception, was one of the big award winners as the District 24-6A coaches convened earlier this month to vote on the league's top players. Milton, a slot receiver on offense and a cornerback on defense, was named the co-winner of the 24-6A Ironman Award, honoring a player's ability to make an impact on the game in various phases of play. Milton also won the award as a junior in 2016. This season, he was also named a first team honoree at cornerback. For more on the District 24-6A award winners and first- and second-team electees, see Page 2B.  
Photo by David Flickinger

## SBHLL's spring sign-up ongoing

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) 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, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in addition to Jan. 6 and 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, direct email to sbhll@hotmail.com.



## Defender Region III soccer champs begin prep

The 2018 high school soccer preseason action is officially underway, and there isn't a team anywhere more excited about that than defending Region III boys' champion Dobie.

Many locals still remember the moment in April when the Longhorns

toppled Channelview in a sudden death shootout at Deer Park ISD's Abshier Stadium, thereby earning the first state tournament berth in program history.

The Longhorns came up a bit short in a state semifinal loss to Arlington Sam Houston, but it did nothing to tarnish what a terrific season it was.

Some of the team's star players have since graduated, but the Longhorns still have plenty of returning talent and several gifted newcomers necessary to make a repeat run.

It all starts Dec. 28 as the Longhorns will scrimmage Conroe at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Once the new year begins, the Longhorns will be the frontrunner at the annual Pasadena ISD Cup, taking on Goose Creek Memorial Jan. 4 in the regular season opener for both teams.

Head coach Justo Man-Continued on Page 6B



Ramon Cahue's shot save in sudden death of the Region III championship match gave the Longhorns a win over Channelview and a first-ever state tournament berth in April. The Longhorns have now begun official preseason training, with the team's first scrimmage coming late this month.  
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# District 24-6A football head coaches elect the best

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 verines returned the majority of their offensive skill players, but things didn't come together as well as in the past.

With a playoff berth hanging in the balance in the season finale against Dickinson, the Gators prevailed. Still, the Wolverines drew

their fair share of all district recognition following the season. Senior and three-year starter Caleb Chapman, who

has verbally committed to attend Texas A&M University on a football scholarship, was a first-team 24-6A receiver two straight seasons.

Brook's Chapman, who has arguably the best pass-catching hands statewide, had more than 30 touchdown receptions for the

Wolverines over the past two seasons. Tailback Jarrett Smith battled back from injury this season and still rushed for

more than 1,000 yards over nine games en route to collecting first team status within the district. Sticking to the offensive

side of things, Wolverines' lineman Richard Lewis was nominated to the 22-6A first team after leading his team up front.

Defensively, Sedrick Cole represented the Wolverines on the second team as a line-backer, and Jaizac Garcia was the second team punter.

## District 24-6A Varsity Football Honors Most Valuable Player

- Montel Parker, Dickinson**
- Offensive MVP**
- Todd Hudson, Clear Springs**
- Defensive MVP**
- Jake Yurachek, Friendswood**
- Newcomer of the Year**
- Garrett Rooker, Clear Springs**
- Coach of the Year**
- Craig Dailey, Clear Springs**
- Ironman Award**
- M.J. Milton, Clear Brook**
- Calvin Whitaker, Friendswood**

## First Team Offense

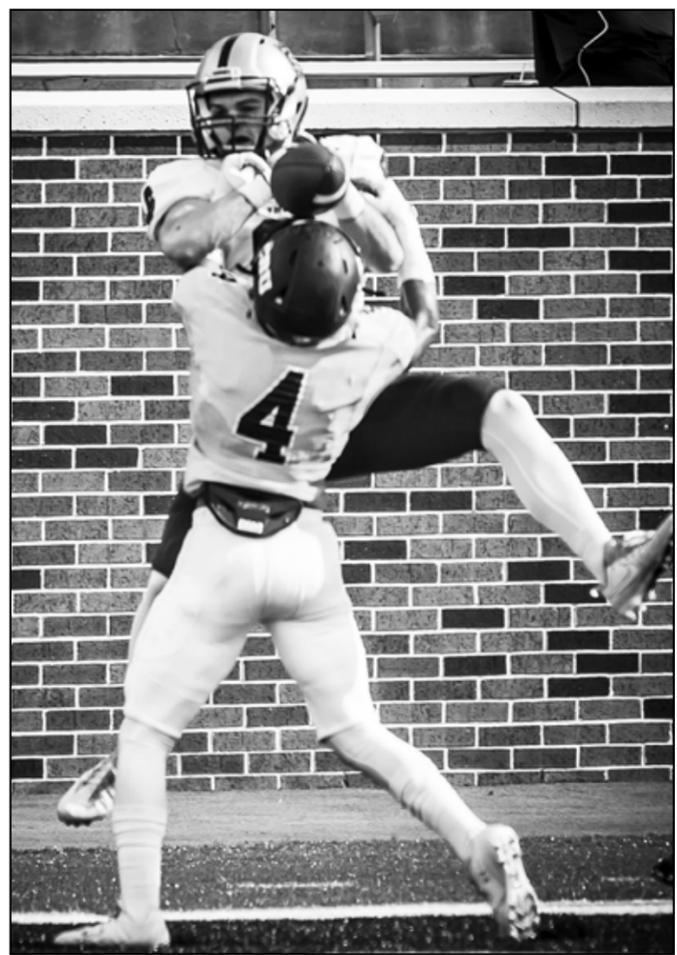
- QB – Sam Mathews, Clear Creek**
- RB – Jarrett Smith, Clear Brook**
- RB – Todd Hudson, Clear Springs**
- RB – Myles Lewis, Dickinson**
- FB – Calvin Whitaker, Friendswood**
- WR – Caleb Chapman, Clear Brook**
- WR – Ja’Kori Morgan, Clear Lake**
- WR – Peyton Sawyer, Clear Springs**
- WR – Ben Redding, Friendswood**
- WR – Montel Parker, Dickinson**
- TE – Jalen Wydermyer, Dickinson**
- OL – D.J. Hill, Alvin**
- OL – Richard Lewis, Clear Brook**
- OL – Chad Lindberg, Clear Creek**
- OL – Frank Filip, Clear Lake**
- OL – Akin Magbagbeola, Clear Lake**
- OL – Garrett Nickelson, Clear Springs**
- OL – Kiko Nunez, Dickinson**
- OL – Daniel Parr, Dickinson**
- OL – Max Yarbrough, Friendswood**
- K – Sam Wittman, Friendswood**

## First Team Defense

- DT – Jason Gold, Clear Springs**
- DT – J.T. Greer, Dickinson**
- DT – Wyatt Hall, Friendswood**
- DE – Jaiirryd Booker, Dickinson**
- DE – Thad Horman, Friendswood**
- DE – Davis Tinger, Friendswood**
- ILB – Rian Davis, Clear Lake**
- ILB – Landon Roque, Dickinson**
- ILB – Calvin Whitaker, Friendswood**
- ILB – Jake Yurachek, Friendswood**
- OLB – Cameron Felton, Clear Springs**
- OLB – Nick Thompson, Clear Springs**
- OLB – Colby Mouton, Dickinson**
- OLB – Malik Williams, Dickinson**
- CB – M.J. Milton, Clear Brook**
- CB – Christian Waller, Clear Springs**
- CB – Nate Randall, Dickinson**
- CB – D.J. Warnell, Dickinson**
- S – Bryon Broussard, Dickinson**
- S – Ashton Johnson, Dickinson**
- S – Reid Nickerson, Friendswood**
- KR – Peyton Sawyer, Clear Springs**
- P – Jerran Schiller, Alvin**
- P – Will Broaddas, Clear Falls**



Another of Clear Brook's top three-year performers at the varsity level, running back Jarrett Smith (1) was a first team selection at his position for the second straight season. Although the Wolverines failed to reach the postseason, Smith rushed for more than 1,000 yards to end his high school career in style.



Dobie graduate and current Mary Hardin-Baylor defensive back Reggie Wilson (4) breaks up a pass in the end zone during the Cru's 24-10 national quarterfinal win over St. Thomas (Minn.) Dec. 2. The Cru are now preparing to compete in the Division III semifinals.

## Mary Hardin-Baylor advances; local footballers aid in victory

With Dobie and Clear Brook high school graduates assisting on defense, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is making another national title run. The Cru came up big defensively in the fourth quarter on multiple occasions, dropping St. Thomas (Minn.) 24-10 Dec. 2, reaching the NCAA Division III semifinals for the third time in five seasons. Dobie graduate Blake Jackson turned in a tremendous senior season in

2016, leading the Cru to the national championship and a perfect 15-0 record. Jackson has moved on, but former Longhorns Reggie Wilson and Reginald Cole have joined Clear Brook High School graduate De'Andre Jackson in lifting the Mary Hardin-Baylor defense to great heights. Wilson, who played extensively a season ago on the national title team, was a second team all-conference pick as a senior this

season. He registered five total tackles as the Cru defeated St. Thomas in the quarterfinals, advancing to host The College at Brockport Dec. 9, in Belton, Texas. Cole's six tackles against St. Thomas were second on the team for the junior, and Jackson, who played quarterback at Clear Brook, had three tackles from his safety spot. UMHB has now won 28 consecutive games.



Clear Brook's Caleb Chapman had a remarkable three-year run in the school's varsity football program. As a senior, the Texas A&M University commit was again named a 24-6A first teamer at wide receiver.

## Second Team Offense

- QB – Shae Suiuaono, Clear Lake**
- RB – James Smith, Alvin**
- RB – Camron Davis, Clear Falls**
- RB – Brendon Holmes, Clear Lake**
- RB – Mason Barnes, Friendswood**
- FB – Dylan Savage, Dickinson**
- WR – Kris Mason, Clear Lake**
- WR – Michael Gillaspia, Clear Springs**
- WR – Chris Welch, Dickinson**
- WR – Nick Swaney, Friendswood**
- TE – Dalton Meyer, Alvin**
- OL – Brett Bush, Clear Creek**
- OL – Matthew Hosler, Clear Falls**
- OL – Allen Leiato, Clear Lake**
- OL – Ryan Knaus, Clear Springs**
- OL – Eric Williams, Clear Springs**
- OL – Torey Lastice, Dickinson**
- OL – Roderick Hutchinson, Friendswood**
- OL – Jackson Roos, Friendswood**
- K – Nathan Eastin, Clear Lake**
- K – Seth Porter, Clear Springs**

## Second Team Defense

- DT – Pedro Garcia, Alvin**
- DT – Will Manning, Clear Lake**
- DT – Keelan Oatis, Dickinson**
- DT – Eric Gignac, Friendswood**
- DE – Carson Gonzalez, Alvin**
- DE – Will Broadus, Clear Falls**
- DE – Triston Mitchell, Clear Lake**
- DE – Jacob Muellner, Clear Springs**
- LB – Kiron Bimage, Clear Springs**
- LB – Trentman Rosas, Clear Springs**
- LB – Jalen Jones, Dickinson**
- LB – Garrett Cowan, Alvin**
- LB – Sedrick Cole, Clear Brook**
- LB – Dane Roenne, Friendswood**
- CB – Marquese Caldwell, Alvin**
- CB – Thomas Massa, Clear Falls**
- CB – Brian Sherrard, Clear Lake**
- CB – Colton Halata, Friendswood**
- S – Cameron Phillips, Clear Lake**
- S – James Wokaty, Clear Springs**
- S – Seth Porter, Clear Springs**
- S – Josh Peterson, Friendswood**
- KR – Chris Welch, Dickinson**
- P – Jaizac Garcia, Clear Brook**

## Sports Calendar

- BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
 Brook JV boys host Wolverines' tourn., TBA  
 Brook freshman A boys at Clear Springs invite, TBA
- Friday, Dec. 8**  
 Brook varsity girls vs. Dobie, Phillips, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys host Pearland, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00  
 Brook JV girls vs. Dobie, Phillips, 5:30  
 Brook JV boys host Galveston Ball, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys host Pearland, 5:30  
 Brook sophomore boys host Galveston Ball, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A girls vs. Dobie, Phillips, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A boys host Pearland, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A boys host Galveston Ball, 4:00  
 Brook freshman B boys host Galveston Ball, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys host Pearland, 4:00
- Saturday, Dec. 9**  
 Brook JV boys host Wolverines' tourn., TBA  
 Brook freshman A boys at Clear Springs invite, TBA
- Monday, December 11**  
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at South Houston, 5:00  
 Beverly Hills 7th Light girls at South Houston, 6:15  
 Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls at South Houston, 5:00  
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- Tuesday, Dec. 12**  
 Dobie varsity girls host La Pote, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys at Westfield, 7:00  
 Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00  
 Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:30  
 Brook JV boys at Westfield, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls host La Porte, 5:30  
 Brook sophomore boys at Westfield, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A girls host Alvin, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A boys at Westfield, 4:00  
 Brook freshman B boys at Westfield, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A girls host La Porte, 4:00
- Friday, Dec. 15**  
 Brook varsity girls at Memorial, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys at Friendswood, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys at Cinco Ranch, 6:30  
 Brook JV girls at Dickinson, 5:30  
 Brook JV boys at Cinco Ranch, 5:00  
 Dobie JV boys at Friendswood, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls at Memorial, 5:30  
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 Dobie freshman A girls at Memorial, 4:00  
 Brook freshman B boys at Cinco Ranch, 3:30  
 Dobie freshman B boys at Friendswood, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B girls at Memorial, 4:00
- Monday, December 18**  
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host San Jacinto, 5:00  
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## District play nears

# Dobie, Clear Brook boys' basketball get wins; know contenders await as 22-6A, 24-6A races start

Who are the leading men as the varsity basketball season nears the district portion of competition?

That's to be determined, but the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity boys are showing their names in the hat where it concerns the 24-6A and 22-6A races, respectively. Clear Brook was supposed to be transitioning a bit this season after losing all-time leading scorer – David Azore – to graduation. Azore, who poured

more than 2,000 career points as a Wolverine, is now at the University of Texas-Arlington. Meanwhile, the Wolverines are moving forward. The Clear Lake Falcons might be the frontrunners in District 24-6A with senior and Division I collegiate signees Ajare Sanni (University of the Pacific) and Riley Abercrombie (Boise State University) leading the way. Dickinson also promises to be in the mix, what with earning a state ranking prior to the season and sophomore Tramon Mark being one of the area's most explosive scorers at just over 20 points per night.

Then there is Friendswood, who got a 42-point performance from Alex Dehoyos in a game earlier this month. Clear Creek is also gifted, as is Clear Springs. But the Wolverines, who placed third in the bronze bracket of the Carlisle/Krueger Classic Dec. 2 (see Page 3B), also got an 87-84 overtime win over Goose Creek Memorial Dec. 5, and have been playing well of late. Dobie lost three of five games at the Phillips 66 Katy Invitational (see Page 3B) but got 18 points and eight rebounds from D.J. Garrett while trimming Dawson 48-46 Dec. 5. Garrett sank three of seven from behind the 3-point line in the victory. Dobie is now 7-6 overall this season. The Longhorns figure to face their stiffest competition in the 22-6A race from West Brook, Deer Park, La Porte and Sam Rayburn. Memorial has also played well of late. Dobie has been guided by Garrett as well as Brick Fosnight, who is the leading scorer and rebounder.

# Dobie varsity boys, Brook squads complete tournament push

With district play inching closer and closer, the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball teams are looking to gain more momentum moving forward.

As has been the case for the first three weeks of the regular season, both teams had both high and low moments in tournament play Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

Clear Brook was in the mix at the 85th annual Carlisle/Krueger Classic at Clear Lake High School. Clear Brook also played a pair of pool play games at Clear Falls High

School in League City.

The Wolverines, hovering around the .500 mark for much of the season to date, came up with a win in pool play, winding up in the silver bracket.

Just missing a chance to compete for first place, the Wolverines instead took third place with a big win over Summer Creek Dec. 2.

Dobie, playing at the Phillips 66 Katy Invitational, overcame a pair of losses in pool play and wound up 2-3 at the event.

**Fosnight still rolling**  
The Dobie varsity bas-

ketball team took a huge hit at the end of last season, what with the majority of the team's offensive firepower eventually leaving via graduation.

Head coach Kevin Cross knew he had returnees like D.J. Garrett and Marquise Scott, who played at the varsity level for a portion of his freshman season, back in house.

Through the Longhorns' first 12 games, in which the team has gone 6-6, Garrett and Scott have certainly had flashes of excellent play. But

where would the Longhorns be without the services of transfer Brick Fosnight, Dobie's leading scorer and rebounder to this point. Fosnight played his sophomore and junior seasons at the varsity level for Clear Springs High School.

Dobie lost its first two pool play games at the Phillips 66 Katy Invitational Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, but came back to score wins in two of its final three bracket games.

Over the five games, it was again Fosnight leading the way for the Long-

horns. The senior forward had 87 points in the team's five games and collected double-figure rebounds in two of the games.

Dobie wasn't given any favors entering the Katy event, with having to face a tough Katy Taylor squad in addition to state-ranked and undefeated Eisenhower in pool play.

Taylor, which had handed Dobie a considerable loss at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, again came up big against the locals in Katy.

Building a 35-16 halftime lead, Taylor went on to down the Longhorns 69-42. Fosnight made eight of 13 field goal tries for 16 points, but that was about the extent of the offense for Dobie.

Eisenhower then went on to a huge lead through three quarters of play before settling for a 53-43 victory. The Longhorns outscored the Eagles 18-7 in the fourth quarter, but by then the Eagles had gone on to the easy win.

Fosnight's 15 points led the way for the Longhorns, with Scott coming up with 11 points.

The Longhorns then delivered a big second-half uprising against Worthing, eventually leaving the floor with a 61-39 victory. In that one, the Longhorns were led by Fosnight's 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Scott scored in double figures again with 13, and Desmond Owens had 12.

Dobie then suffered another double-digit loss to Seven Lakes, which ran away with a 65-46 victory. The Longhorns won the fourth quarter 17-4, but Seven Lakes had long since cruised to a wide margin.

Fosnight had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Longhorns, but it wasn't

enough to avoid the loss.

Dobie closed out the tournament with a 67-65 victory over a solid Richmond Foster squad. In that one, the locals led 25-12 after a quarter of action and came up with the victory.

Fosnight saved his best for last, pumping in a game-high 27 points on 11 of 15 shooting from the field. He also had seven rebounds in the game as the Longhorns evened their regular season record at 6-6.

**Brook third at CCISD**  
The Clear Brook Wol-

verines split games in pool play at the Carlisle/Krueger Classic, then went on to capture third place in the silver bracket with a win over Summer Creek.

The Wolverines downed Hitchcock in the tournament opener but then lost, 78-60, to a tough Texas City squad.

In the silver bracket, the Wolverines started with a 62-56 win over the Clear Falls Knights, but then could not get past Aldine Nimitz in an eventual 61-49 defeat.

In the third-place tro-

phy round game, Clear Brook came up with a 73-63 win over Summer Creek for the big tourney win.

In the gold bracket, defending Class 6A champion Cy-Falls, led by Dobie graduate Richard Flores as its head coach, defeated Clear Lake 62-46 after a big first quarter.

Nigel Hawkins, the Most Valuable Player of last year's state tournament, had 26 points in the win as Cy-Falls came up with the biggest trophy.

Clear Lake, now 7-3, made the final despite

playing the entire tournament without the services of star forward Ajare Sanni.

The Dobie and Clear Brook varsity boys' teams each have one tournament remaining on the schedule. Dobie will be at the Conroe Classic Dec. 27-28.

The Wolverines, meanwhile, will play a bit closer to home as they face the field at the Pasadena High School-hosted Eric Medina event Dec. 28-29.

Brook will face Stratford Dec. 28 at Pasadena Memorial High School in a noon game.

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Through Nov. 27 Games

8L Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	1	0
Southmore	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	2	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	2	0	0
Queens	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	1	1	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 33, Southmore 24  
Bondy 35, San Jacinto 20  
Jackson 40, Beverly Hills 35  
Miller 35, Park View 33  
Queens 33, South Houston 26

8D Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0
Southmore	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills 23, Jackson 13  
South Houston 20, Queens 19

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	1	0
Queens	0	0	0	1	1	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 24, Southmore 11  
Bondy 18, San Jacinto 16  
Miller 25, Park View 6

7L Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills 41, Jackson 13

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Queens	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	1	0
Bondy	0	0	0	1	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	1	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 44, Southmore 19  
Miller 13, Park View 4  
Queens 32, South Houston 18  
Bondy 46, San Jacinto 6

7D Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	1	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	2	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills 28, Jackson 4

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	2	0	0
Queens	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	1	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 37, Southmore 14  
Bondy 34, San Jacinto 5  
Miller 22, Park View 8  
Queens 18, South Houston 12

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Through Nov. 27 Games

8L Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Southmore	0	0	0	1	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	1	1	0
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	1	0

**Game Scores**

South Houston 64, Queens 20  
Miller 41, Park View 34  
Beverly Hills 49, Jackson 38

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	2	0
Queens	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 73, Southmore 42  
Bondy 55, San Jacinto 19

8D Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Park View	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	0	0
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	1	0
Southmore	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

South Houston 58, Queens 23  
Beverly Hills 43, Jackson 6

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	2	0
Queens	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 39, Southmore 22  
Bondy 49, San Jacinto 32  
Miller 43, Park View 20

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Through Nov. 27 Games

7L Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	0	0
Park View	0	0	0	1	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0
Southmore	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills 39, Jackson 28  
San Jacinto 48, Bondy 22

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Queens	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	0	2	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 66, Southmore 24  
Miller 27, Park View 25  
Queens 35, South Houston 18

7D Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	1	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	2	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	2	0

**Game Scores**

Beverly Hills 44, Jackson 15

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	1	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	1	0
Bondy	0	0	0	1	1	0
Queens	0	0	0	1	1	0

**Game Scores**

Thompson 50, Southmore 11  
Miller 32, Park View 16  
Queens 35, South Houston 33  
Bondy 37, San Jacinto 26

## UIL resets enrollment guidelines

The University Interscholastic League, the official governing body of public school athletics in Texas, has announced its reclassification and realignment numbers for the upcoming 2018-2019 through 2019-2020 realignment.

The Class 6A figures are 2,190 or more students, with the Class 5A figures at 1,150 to 2,189.

The new totals will not affect Clear Brook or Dobie. In the current alignment, Brook has a stated enrollment of 2,447, while Dobie's is at a massive 4,176.

Of interest, one local high school that could possibly drop to Class 5A is Friendswood, which has a current stated enrollment of 2,176. If that figure drops just a smidge, Friendswood could move.

The UIL's current two-year realignment will expire next May. The realignment for 2018-2019 through 2019-2020 will be announced on Feb. 1, 2018.

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
7 a.m.

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10 a.m.

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Noon

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7 p.m.

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10 a.m.

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Noon

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7 p.m.

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**Serenity Now AI-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 AI-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
7:30 a.m.

**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.

10 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

**AI-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 #11. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

1 p.m.

**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.

6 p.m.

**Dickinson Chamber of Commerce** - partners with Bay Area Harbour Playhouse for the second annual holiday fundraising gala at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at the playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Festivities will include a presentation by the Dickinson Arts Association, a catered dinner and the performance of A Christmas Carol, adapted and directed by Bennie Nipper. Presale tickets are \$30 and may be purchased from chamber of commerce members at the chamber office, at the theater on Dec. 3-5 (3-5 p.m.) or online at Eventbrite. Tickets at the door are \$35. A group price (\$10 each) for ten or more is also available. For more information, call 281-337-7469 or visit www.harbourtheater.com.

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**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. 7 p.m.

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Bauerlein on Tuesdays following the senior luncheon at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for non-residents (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 [drglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglanford@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.

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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](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.org) for information.

**Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For details, visit [www.bayareanewdemocrats.org](http://www.bayareanewdemocrats.org). 8 p.m.

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**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.

**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. 11:30 a.m.

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 3:15 p.m.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for details. 6-8 p.m.

**CrossRoads UMC** - Mercy Hearts meets on the second and fourth Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m., at CrossRoads UMC located at 10030 Scarsdale. The focus of the new Mercy Hearts is support for families of inmates and ex-offenders. The program will provide a complimentary meal, group Bible study and discussion. Child care is provided. This is a confidential ministry and information will be treated accordingly. For details, contact C. Talbot at 281-245-7072 or [Chucktal@msn.com](mailto:Chucktal@msn.com). 6 p.m.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., 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](http://www.oahouston.org). 7 p.m.

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**Sagemont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagemont 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](mailto: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, DECEMBER 12**  
7 a.m.

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**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, 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. 10:30 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. Must have exact cash or a check. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083. Noon

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**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, 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](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com). 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Hometown Heroes Park** - has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen

**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. for \$20. Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org). Noon

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**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

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# San Jacinto College softball sets return to nationals goal

**By Amanda Fenwick SJC Marketing**  
The San Jacinto College softball team will open its 2018 season with two home games on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27 and 28, 2018 against Lakeland College and LSU Eunice, respectively.

Last year, San Jac earned its second straight, and fourth overall, bid to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship, after claiming the Region XIV championship.

San Jac went 2-2 at the national tournament to finish the season eighth in the nation. Head Coach Kelly Saenz is entering her 15th season at the helm of the San Jacinto College softball program with 10 returning players.

"We are looking forward to the 2018 season and facing some of the best teams in our Region and the nation," said Saenz.

"We have been working hard on the field this fall, and our team is prepared and ready to get the season started."

Among the 10 return-

ees is outfielder Taylor McHenry (Deer Park High School). McHenry was a first-team all-Region XIV and first-team all-South Region XIV selection last year.

She hit .399 in 188 at-bats and knocked in 37 runs behind a team-high 75 hits. She led the squad in stolen bases with 20, which ranks seventh best in school history.

Joining McHenry as stand-out returnees are utility player Mackenzie Kotrla (Angleton High School) and outfielder Riley Bullen (Clear Creek High School).

Kotrla was a second-team all-South Region selection who hit .365 in 159 at-bats. She had 58 total hits, including 43 singles, 13 doubles and two home runs.

Bullen was also a second-team all-Region XIV South selection. She hit .346 in 182 at-bats, posting 42 singles, 15 doubles, one triple and five home runs.

Joining the 10 returnees are nine newcomers, including pitcher

Michelle Kristoff and catcher Allison Bravo.

Following the opening weekend at home, San Jac will head south to Galveston Feb. 2-3 for the Galveston College tournament. San Jac will return home for the San Jac tournament Feb. 9-10 before hitting the road for seven straight road games.

The Region XIV season begins Friday, March 9 on the road at Coastal Bend College in Beeville. Region XIV home games include Alvin Community College (Friday, March 23), Galveston College (Saturday, March 24), Coastal Bend College (Friday, April 6), Laredo Community College (Saturday, April 7) and Lamar State College - Port Arthur (Saturday, April 14).

The Region XIV tournament will take place May 4-7 at a location in Region XIV South. The 2018 national championship tournament is May 16-19 in St. George, Utah.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit sanjac sports.com.

## San Jacinto College 2018 Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 27	Lakeland (2)	1/3 p.m.
Jan. 28	LSU-Eunice (2)	noon/2
Feb. 2-3	at Galveston tourn.	TBA
Feb. 9-10	San Jacinto Invitational	TBA
Feb. 17	at Temple (2)	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 21	at McLennan (2)	1/3 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Midland (2)	noon/2
Feb. 24	at Howard (2)	1/3 p.m.
March 2-4	at Region 14 Crossover	TBA
March 9	*at Coastal Bend	2/4 p.m.
March 10	*at Laredo	1/3 p.m.
March 15	*Neosho County	2/4 p.m.
March 17	*at Lamar State	1/3 p.m.
March 23	*Alvin	2/4 p.m.
March 24	*Galveston	1/3 p.m.
March 28	Baton Rouge	4/6 p.m.
March 30	*at Blinn	3/5 p.m.
April 6	*Coastal Bend	4/6 p.m.
April 7	*Laredo	4/6 p.m.
April 11	*at LSU-Eunice	1/3 p.m.
April 14	*Lamar State	3/5 p.m.
April 20	*at Alvin	2/4 p.m.
April 21	*at Galveston	1/3 p.m.
April 25	*Blinn	3/5 p.m.
May 4-7	at Region XIV tourn.	TBA
May 16-19	at NJCAA Nationals	TBA

\* Region XIV games

## San Jacinto College 2018 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.	Hometown
2	Dominique Garcia	P	Soph.	League City
3	Taylor McHenry	OF	Soph.	La Porte
4	Mackenzie Kotrla	Util.	Soph.	Angleton
5	Madison Neal	OF	Soph.	Orange
6	Riley Bullen	OF	Soph.	League City
7	Katlyn Rivera	P/IF	Soph.	League City
9	Gigi Hernandez	OF	Fr.	Corpus Christi
10	Allison Bravo	C	Fr.	Houston
13	Natalie Hoyt	P	Soph.	Katy
16	Ashley Tran	IF	Fr.	Spring
17	Samantha Martinez	IF	Fr.	Texas City
19	Madelyn Daniel	C	Fr.	Nederland
20	Michelle Kristoff	P	Fr.	Houston
22	Macey Brown	IF	Soph.	Webster
24	Baylee Malone	IF	Soph.	Pearland
26	Denisse Gracia	P	Fr.	Baytown
27	Lacey Gabaldon	Util.	Fr.	Cypress
29	Tori Stoddard	P	Soph.	Pearland

Head coach: Kelly Saenz

Assistant coach: Kelsey Walters

Assistant coach: Selena Reyna

Athletic trainer: Carie Mueller

## Dobie, Pearland ISD job searches posted; head football coaching positions available

Will Dobie face stiff competition in its quest to find the next varsity football head coach/campus athletic coordinator?

Maybe. Maybe not. According to a published report, the openings at Pearland High School and Dawson High School, both within the Pearland Independent School District, may follow a similar timeline to that of Dobie's.

Dobie High School principal Franklin Moses, heading up the search process for the Longhorns' program has previously told the *Leader* he expects the role to be filled by late January to early February.

The Dobie role was officially posted on the school district's website Dec. 1 and shall close for applicants at 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 22.

Within Pearland ISD, district athletic director Ben Pardo is heading up the search process for both the Pearland and Dawson head coaching/campus athletic coordinator roles.

Those roles were officially posted on the Pearland ISD website Nov. 13 and will remain open until Jan. 2, 2018.

Required experience and pay scale for the Do-

bie job versus that of the two in Pearland differ a bit.

Dobie is requiring a candidate to possess no less than experience as an offensive or defensive coordinator at the Class 5A/4A level, meaning those currently in Class 6A will certainly merit consideration.

The base pay for the Dobie role is \$80,957, with those in Pearland being \$10,000 and some change more.

As for the basic job requirements in Pearland, applicants must possess at least three years of previous experience as an offensive or defensive coordinator and 10 years of varsity football experience overall.

While the Dobie and Dawson roles appear to be wide open to the chosen finalist, Pearland interim head coach James Farmer is expected to apply and, therefore, seek to become the Oilers' full-time leader.

At the end of the day, several candidates with previous ties to any of the three schools and/or the school districts will apply.

As for Dobie, at least one former player and cur-

rent varsity football head coach as well as a current coordinator with ties to the Longhorns are expected to enter the race for the opening.

The Dobie job opened after Mike Norman resigned shortly following the 2017 season, one in which the Longhorns went 2-6 at the varsity level and missed the playoffs for the second straight season.

Norman was 10-19 over three seasons, with the school canceling two regular season games this season due to Hurricane Harvey.

The job searches at Dobie and in Pearland could slow down for the holiday break in the coming weeks, but it should be an interesting start to the new year.

At Pearland, Farmer went 7-4 this season in his first season as interim head coach. Farmer was chosen for the head coaching role this season after former longtime head coach Tony Heath resigned in August to enter private business.

As for the Dawson role, the Eagles are seeking a new head coach after Eric Wells resigned. He will become an assistant athletic director in Pearland.



The 2017-2018 San Jacinto College softball team is working out this pre-season in anticipation of the start of the regular season late next month. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Katlyn Rivera, Mackenzie Kotrla, Dominique Garcia, Baylee Malone, Natalie Hoyt, Lacey Gabaldon, Ashley Tran, Macey Brown, (back row) Allison Bravo, Gigi Hernandez, Taylor McHenry, Tori Stoddard, Riley Bullen, Michelle Kristoff, Madison Neal, Madelyn Daniel, Samantha Martinez and Denisse Garcia.

# Dobie, Clear Brook soccer programs kick off preseason workouts

**Continued from Page 1B** rique has developed a true regional threat, with another state tournament run certainly not out of the realm of possibility.

While the Dobie varsity

girls' program will not enter the regular season as a regional favorite, head coach Bryan McDonald is excited about the possibilities this season.

Deer Park has con-

trolled the District 22-6A ranks for three straight seasons, and it's been a while since the Lady Longhorns scored a win over their nemesis, but this tougher, stronger and fast-

er group is on the rise.

Alexandra Magana is back as perhaps the most experienced performer at the varsity level. Tonia Collier and Taiya Mitchell have stood out in the past,

as have several other returnees.

At Clear Brook, both the boys' and girls' varsity teams are aiming to gain a foothold in the solid District 24-6A ranks.



Members of the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team experienced euphoria in April after defeating Channelview in a sudden death shootout at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park, scoring the school's first regional championship. The Longhorns, who have simply dominated the competition in District 22-6A action over the past three seasons, will be one of the favorites in Region III once

again despite the graduation of several key players from the 2017 squad. Those shown celebrating a season ago included, left to right, Eduardo Benavides (00), Eduardo Flores (4), Manuel Parra (19), Ramon Cahue (1), Sebastian Martinez (17), Eli Donaho (20), Thomas Aleman (25), Sebastian Leal (6) and Diego Calderon (21). Photo by John Bechtle

## High School Soccer Key Dates

Dec. 28 – Dobie boys host Conroe scrimmage, Veterans, 2 p.m.

Jan. 2 – Clear Brook girls scrimmage at Texas City, 7 p.m.;

Clear Brook boys host Texas City scrimmage, 7 p.m.

Jan. 4 – Dobie boys begin season at Pasadena ISD Cup, TBA

Jan. 4-6 – Clear Brook girls start season at Humble invit., TBA;

Clear Brook boys start season at Klein Showcase

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