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Thompson student injured

A Thompson Intermediate student is reported to have collapsed at a track meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12. According to the student's mother, the student, Lauren Rodriguez, reportedly had a brain aneurysm. A GoFundMe account has been created to help the family with medical costs.

Inspections in Kirkmont

The Kirkmont Sec. 1 HOA will do visual inspections beginning the first week of March. Homeowners and residents in violation of deed restrictions will be notified via mail.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Feb. 14 (second Thursday of the month). February is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. For more information, visit www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste.

SPCIA meets Feb. 21

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. Agenda items include proposed deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations and community improvement issues and actions. All Sagemont Park homeowners and residents are urged to attend.

I-45 closures scheduled

There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. June 30. Northbound traffic on the frontage road will take the I-45 northbound entrance ramp at FM-518 and take the NASA Road 1 exit.

The closure is associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Beltway 8 closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8/Beamer will be closed until Feb. 21. Two inside lanes of the westbound Beltway 8 frontage road at Hughes Road will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Feb. 25.

One northbound and one southbound lane of SH 3/Old Galveston Road at Beltway 8 East will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through March 4.

At least one southbound lane of the Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at of SH 3/Old Galveston daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, March 11.

Northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through March 4.

Alternate lane closures of eastbound and westbound at Beltway 8 East at Genoa Red Bluff will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until March 4.

Eastbound and westbound alternate lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 4.

Eastbound and westbound alternate lanes at Beltway 8 and Preston will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 4.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Fairmont Parkway will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 4.

The southbound U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 6. One lane of the westbound frontage road at Hughes/Sabo will be closed until Feb. 25.

The closures are part of ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 to four lanes each direction.

Prayer walk set for Feb. 23

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 to 10 a.m., at Jessup Elementary, 9301 Alameda Genoa. All are welcome to join in praying for the protection and peace of students and staff. Call 281-484-0901 for more information.

Knights holds blood drive

The Knights of Columbus, Council 9201, is hosting a blood drive Sunday, Feb. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist social hall, 11011 Hall Road. For information, call Val Comeaux 713-582-5358.

AARP offers free tax help

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Volunteers will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale, on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 15. This service is free on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring Social Security cards for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms, unemployment compensation statements, 1099-R forms and other IRS forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Dynamic Women to meet

The quarterly luncheon for Dynamic Women will be held Thursday, Feb. 21, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All area women are invited. This month's speaker will be Leigh Powers, an accomplished Houston-area speaker, author, editor, wife and mom. Powers will speak about being "Better than Happy." Doors will open at 10 a.m. For reservations, email Sandee Ellis at sandeeellis@comcast.net or call at 713-477-6496.

Sagemont Church plans 43,000 sq. ft. youth facility

Sagemont Church has launched a campaign to construct a new building for its student ministry.

The new facility will replace the existing one, which was significantly damaged during Hurricane Harvey.

"It's time to take our hats off to the past and our coats for the future," said the Rev. John Morgan, senior pastor at Sagemont Church. "God has placed before us a vision.

"We have prayed. We have worked. And we're asking God, once again, to do a mighty work."

After much reflection, church leaders set their sights on constructing the new center to further instill the teachings of Christ to their student members.

"Through much prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit, our visionary team and ministry staff have identified the next phase of our campus master plan, a facility vital to the future of

our congregation," Morgan said. "We want our students to know what a Christian is and not only be one but go out and change the world to be more like Jesus."

Like all other Sagemont construction projects, the building will be built debt-free. The campaign to raise the necessary funds is called NVision, with the theme Impact Tomorrow Today. The church has set a goal of \$12 million for the estimated cost.

The new facility will feature several student activities, such as gaga ball, video games, basketball, ping pong, a coffee shop and more. The center will also include places of serious training and discipleship.

Design features of the student building include:

- 43,600 total square feet.
- Two-story design, with stairs and elevator.
- Pre-engineered metal building with brick and stucco exterior to complement the children's

building and Worship Center building.

- Metal roof with a peak and slope to complement the other buildings on campus.
- Foundation height will be raised to resist future flooding.
- Interior design to appeal to students, with exposed metal and industrial/modern features.
- Approximately 18-20 classrooms for Bible study and small groups.
- Large worship space to accommodate 675 people.
- Large indoor gathering space.
- Small kitchen capable of producing food and drink items for snack bar area.

Covered walkway on west side of the building with green gathering space.

Limited number of parking spaces adjacent to the outdoor gathering area.

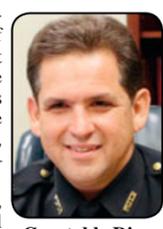
Morgan is excited about the future of the new project. "This is our moment to hear his call, to follow his instructions and experience his power, his love and his glory," Morgan said.

"God is not asking us to do the ordinary. He's asking us to go far beyond that and do the extraordinary," Morgan said.

For additional information about the project and the NVision campaign, visit www.sagemontchurch.org/nvision.

Harris County Pct. 2 seizes illegal drugs

Deputies from the Special Operations Division of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office are continuing to make strides in their efforts to remove drugs from area streets, making another large bust – the second in one week.



Constable Diaz

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, deputies from the special division, which investigates narcotics in the area, conducted an operation in

the 8200 block of Park Place Boulevard, which yielded large amounts of both heroin and cocaine.

Deputies seized 2 kilos of heroin (4.4 pounds) and 2 kilos of cocaine (4.4 pounds) with a street value of \$475,000.

The bust came just one week after the group conducted a similar operation in the 600 block of Edgebrook on Wednesday, Jan. 31. In that incident, deputies seized 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of methamphetamine, worth an estimated \$600,000.

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Chamber honors Dr. B.J.



The late Dr. B.J. Garner was honored as the South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Legacy recipient at the group's 35th annual gala, held Friday, Feb. 8. A longtime local optometrist, Garner was very active in the community, serving as a founding member of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the former president of the Pasadena ISD board. Emory Gadd is shown above presenting the award to Garner's wife, Laura, (center) and his daughter, Dr. Jennifer Garner Johnson.

Memorial, Baylor, Scott merger off

The proposed merger between Memorial Hermann and Baylor Scott & White Health will not come to fruition, sources from both groups said.

"After months of thoughtful exploration, we have decided to discontinue talks of a merger between our two systems," said a joint statement recently released from the two medical groups.

"Ultimately, we have concluded that as strong, successful organizations, we are capable of achieving our visions for the future without merging at this time.

"We have a tremendous amount of respect for each other and remain committed to strengthening our communities, advancing the health of Texans and transforming the delivery of care. We will continue to seek opportunities

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San Jac receives national award

San Jacinto College's Maritime program was named the 2019 Bellwether Award recipient in Workforce Development this week, awarded by the Community College Futures Assembly to the most innovative community college workforce program in the nation.

"We are thrilled to win the prestigious Bellwether Award," said Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College vice chancellor of strategic initiatives. "We competed for this honor with work-

force programs from across the country that are all striving to create opportunities for their students and leverage advantages for employers in their region. San Jacinto College is proud to be the educational provider for mariners beginning their careers as well as those coming ashore in Houston, and having our program recognized nationally is a testament to our commitment to our mission."

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South Belt area chamber annual gala blazes new trails

Dozens of business and community leaders, as well as numerous elected officials, gathered Friday, Feb. 8, at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 34th annual gala.

This year's event, dubbed Denim and Diamonds, was more festive than past events and included

multiple performances by celebrity impersonators. A Dolly Parton look-alike opened the event by performing while guests were served cocktails; a Marilyn Monroe impersonator sang "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to longtime chamber board member Chris Clark for his 73rd birthday; and a Cher dou-

ble performed "I Got You Babe" before drawing the event's winning raffle winner.

With guests dressed in western flair from blue jeans to diamonds, the event had an ongoing theme of blazing trails, and state Sen. Larry Taylor served as master trailblazer of the evening.

Taylor has served in his current position of District 11 senator since 2012. For the third session in a row, he is serving as the chairman of the Education Committee. He is also a member of the higher education, finance and water and rural affairs committees.

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Commissioners OK 7% increase, rejecting DA's proposed 31.7%

Harris County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Feb. 12, rejected District Attorney Kim Ogg's request for a massive 31.7 percent budget hike that Commissioner Rodney Ellis and others feared would increase prosecution of low-level, nonviolent defendants. Instead, Commissioners Court followed the Budget Management Department's recommendation of a 7 percent increase for the District Attorney's

Office, which was higher than the 5 percent increase that most offices and agencies received. "We must invest our tax dollars in equitable reforms that will make our communities safer and our justice system more fair, efficient and effective for all people," said Ellis.

Commissioner Ellis and other court members felt Ogg's proposal to hire an additional 102 prosecutors would have perpetuated a criminal

justice system that for decades has relied on arrest, prosecution and incarceration for low-level, nonviolent offenses.

"For decades, our local justice system has used arrest and prosecution to over-criminalize poverty, homelessness, mental illness, prostitution, and substance use without addressing the root causes and these tough-on-crime strategies have failed our communities," Ellis said. "Lives have been destroyed, families have been torn apart and communities of color, especially, have lost multiple generations to mass incarceration and an unfair justice system.

"I'm unwilling to further invest in a broken system without clear evidence that this additional \$25 million won't perpetuate mass incarceration and racial and economic disparities in our justice system."

Prior to today's court meeting, Ellis asked

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Construction of Riverstone charter school appears ready to resume

Construction of the future charter school in Riverstone Ranch should resume in early March, after being placed on hold late last October apparently due to an issue with the project's contractor. The *Leader* has learned that in Harris County, a lawsuit has been filed by the school against Crane Group LLC, the general contractor.

The school, which is to include students through 12th grade, originally was slated to open for the 2016-2017 school year.

A branch of the Houston Gateway Academy, the new charter school will be located on a nine-acre site on Riverstone Ranch Road.

The new campus will be the fourth for Houston Gateway Academy. At approximately 168,000 square feet, it will also be its largest – roughly twice the size of the other campuses.

Plans call for a three-story facility with such amenities as a band hall, natatorium, basketball gym, soccer field, full kitchen and cafeteria.

The campus will have the capacity to house 1,600 students.

At press time, it was unclear when the school was expected to open, but the construction site which came to a standstill was showing signs of activity this week with vehicles and personnel visible on the site.

ExxonMobil donates \$10K to JFD High

On Jan. 2, a pipeline leak in the green space in front of Dobie High School was discovered by district maintenance staff and reported to the ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. (See photo on Page 6A.)

After being notified of the event, ExxonMobil officials erected a makeshift emergency response headquarters in the Dobie parking lot. More than one hundred ExxonMobil employees and contractors worked around the clock to make the necessary repairs. The affected pipeline segment was replaced and affected soil removed from the area – all before students returned to class on Jan. 9.

On Jan. 5, ExxonMobil went above and beyond to ensure that the tournament would not have to be relocated. In addition to taking every precaution that the campus was safe and accessible to the over 1,000 attendees, company officials provided a pizza lunch to every student and staff member.

During this process, Dobie speech and debate head coach Andrew Barrett approached a public relations representative from ExxonMobil and discussed the team and the needs of the club. Through this relationship, ExxonMobil generously donated \$10,000 to Dobie's speech and debate team.

Construction expected to resume



Construction is expected to resume in the next 45 days at the Riverstone charter school. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Muecke invites all to PIP meeting

When you leave for work and send your children off to school or the spouse doing necessary shopping what are the chances of your meeting an active shooter? This is something we have not had to consider in just the recent past, now it happens way too often. Santa Fe High school and Sutherland Spring church. Schools, churches, malls or you just name it. Do you know what to do or react? No, because you are not ready, have not really considered the consequences. It is rum, hide or fight.

We are inviting you to our local PIP (Positive Interaction Program) that will meet at The Southeast Memorial Hospital on Astoria, first floor to the left of the elevators at 7 p.m. on Tuesday Feb. 19, 2019. HPD Officer Sabrina Rocha, Special Operations office will be our presenter on the Active Shooter. Our local HPD Commander Hitzman and several officers will be there to help answer any questions.

You have been invited in the past but this is one meeting that you have to attend. Please bring family, friends or who ever as you will learn how to handle a situation like this. Hope to see you there. **Jim Muecke**

Gersteman spots gas can man nearby

Beware. There is a man in our area begging for gas. Do not fall for his gimmick. He's all over our area. He is aggressive, blocks your vehicle, and begs in the street. I encountered him yesterday, 2/5/18, on Sabo. **Lady Gersteman**

Cantalamessa asks Chronicle to stop

For several months once a week, the *Houston Chronicle* has been throwing a free Spanish edition of their paper to homes on my block and I assume on other designated streets. The paper comes inserted in a rose colored plastic bag. The news section is eight pages that includes 6 ads, three of which are in English. All the inserted adds are in English. It is obvious that our home owners do not want these free papers. They are a visual nuisance and on rainy periods a mess to deal with.

Today, Sunday Feb. 10, there are 17 of the Spanish editions still on our street. We pick up some of the unwanted papers and recycle them, but most remain in the street until our regular Thursday trash day.

We are and have been *Chronicle* weekly and Sunday subscribers since the demise of the *Post*. The price of the paper continues to escalate yet the size and content has decreased. The point of this letter is to object to the absolute waste of precious news print. And the total discard of what these unwanted papers are doing to our neighborhoods. It is one thing to try a new subscription campaign for a few weeks but this has become more than a nuisance. The *Chronicle* advertiser's are being scammed and the news print is wasted. *Chronicle!* stop throwing this edition.

Dominic Cantalamessa
Publisher's note: We have gotten many complaints about this as they trash the community weekly. We tried calling the *Chronicle* to fix this issue. See more in next week's *Leader*. —**Marie Flickinger**

Pasadena outstanding students for the month of January

Working with administrators from local Pasadena Independent School District campuses, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce is recognizing outstanding area students each month. The groups of students honored for January are pictured, along with a brief description of the reason they won the award. Also see photos on page 3A.



School officials chose Mario Moreno (holding sign), an eighth-grade student from Thompson Intermediate, as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Moreno always has a happy disposition and is well known by his peers. He volunteers to help clean the cafeteria after lunch and works as an office assistant in the front office, displaying his leadership skills while doing his job and helping visitors. Moreno maintains good grades in his classes and is a well-rounded young man who shows his Lion pride. Shown with Moreno are, left to right, Daniel Hoppie, South Belt-Ellington Chamber education committee member and Pasadena Independent School District executive director; Naoreen Shaif, Thompson teacher; and Tanis Griffin, Thompson principal.



Melany Palos (holding sign), third-grader at Jessup Elementary, has been chosen as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state she is a responsible, motivated and passionate student. She comes to school every day with a calm and motivated disposition, and a dedication for going above and beyond. Palos pays close attention to details and ensures that her daily work is accurate and of the utmost quality. She is a model student who sets a positive example for her peers. Her work ethic and focus on doing well is an inspiration to her classmates. Palos is a wonderful young lady who will continue to excel academically and socially. Shown with Palos are, left to right, Dr. Rhonda Parmer, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent; Ryan Perone, Jessup principal; Jennifer Chapa, Jessup assistant principal; and Michael Spray, Pasadena Independent School District police officer.



According to Meador Elementary school staff, Arleth Garcia (holding sign), kindergarten, was chosen Outstanding Student of the Month because she is consistently kind to all students in her class and includes them in work and play. She is honest and selflessly helps the teacher and classmates without being asked to do so. Garcia has excellent conduct and an outstanding attendance record and works very hard each and every day at school. Shown with Garcia are, left to right, Amy Cloweres, Meador assistant principal; Lauren Rijos, Meador kindergarten teacher; Beverly Bolton, Meador principal; and Alyta Harrell, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent.



Dobie9 school officials state that Marcus Momie (holding sign), freshman, is an incredible student that they love having in class. He is kind, positive and eager to help others. He consistently earns some of the highest grades in AP human geography, and demonstrates understanding by participating in discussion and helping his peers when they do not understand the content. Megalunch is not a social hour for Momie as he can be found utilizing half the lunch period doing homework or being tutored. He always greets people with a smile and responds to everything with "ma'am" or "sir." His peers adore him, as do his teachers. Momie is always hardworking and positive. He possesses all of the following: strong work ethic, kindness, willingness to help others, determination, integrity, perseverance and high achievement. For these reasons, Momie has been chosen as the Student of the Month. Shown with Momie are, left to right, Juan Pedraza, Pasadena Independent School District police officer; Ryan Peel, Dobie9 dean of early college; Dr. Angela Stallings, Pasadena Independent School District assistant superintendent; Kenny Fernandez, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce chair of the board; and Michael VanEssen, Dobie9 principal.



David Morales (holding sign), third-grader at Genoa Elementary, was chosen the Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials, Morales is an amazing student who demonstrates perseverance on a daily basis. He sets his mind to something that he wants to do and he continues to work at it until he is successful. Shown with Morales are, left to right, Tiffany Bennett, Genoa principal; and Erica Halligan, Genoa teacher.

Deaths

Virginia May Moorehead



Virginia May Moorehead, 95, died Feb. 4, 2019, at Sagebrook Nursing Home in Cedar Park, Texas. Born Virginia May Bridson Dec. 14, 1923, in Akron, Ohio, she was a former longtime South Belt resident.

Virginia married Robert Eugene Moorehead on Aug. 4, 1943. They were married for 69 years when he passed Jan. 18, 2013. She was also preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and one grandchild, TJ Moorehead.

She is survived by her sons Larry and wife Sharon Moorehead; Jeff and wife Sue Moorehead; Fred and wife Charlene Moorehead; and Mike Moorehead. She is also survived by her daughter Pat and husband Mike Long; grandchildren Monica Peppin, Andrea Ford, Brandie Moorehead, Kathy Grieco, Laura Moorehead, Freddie Moorehead, Julie Moorehead, Desiree Koks, Marisaca Castro, Jennifer Cokins and Jessica Long; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The couple raised their family in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. They moved to the Houston area in 1969 and had lived in the South Belt area since 1993.

Virginia moved to Cedar Park in 2016 where she resided at Silverado Memory Care. The funeral service was held Monday, Feb. 11, at Niday Funeral Home.

Reymundo R. Rangel Sr.



Reymundo R. Rangel Sr., 76, a 47-year South Belt resident, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. He was born Jan. 23, 1943.

He retired after 44 years from W. R. Grace Chemical Plant as a shipping and receiving manager. He loved fishing, the Texans and his Astros.

Reymundo fought a good battle before his passing. He is preceded in death by his wife Eva G. Rangel; and daughter Diana V. Flores.

Reymundo is survived by his children Reymundo R. Rangel Jr., Jose Velasquez, Miroslava Becerra, Maggie Rivera, Maria Rangel, Norma Torres and Nora Rangel. He also leaves behind 40 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 4, at Del Angel Funeral Home in Pasadena.

Lynn Louise Collins

Lynn Louise Schaumburg Collins, 79, of League City, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, at noon, surrounded by her family.

She was born Dec. 5, 1939, in New Orleans to Margaret and Edward Schaumburg. She was the eldest of four children.

She excelled in many sports and was revered as the Queen of Bunny Friend Park where she met the love of her life for the first time.



She graduated from Francis T. Nicholls High School in 1959 as the valedictorian of her class and the head majorette of the Fighting Rebels band.

She married the love of her life Michael Ashton Collins Jr. on Jan. 27, 1959, and they remained happily married for 60 years. The couple had four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Lynn is survived by her husband; her children Michael Ashton Collins III and wife Lynn, Margaret Alice Collins Radvansky and husband Fred, and Sean Patrick Collins and wife Cindy.

She is also survived by grandchildren Shauna Collins Harvey and husband Zack, Michael Ashton Collins IV and wife Lauren, Katy Balynda Collins, Ashton Frederick Radvansky, Zachary Ryan Collins and Mackenzie Alyssa Collins; great-grandchildren Harris Michael Harvey and Collins Claire Harvey; siblings Edward Schaumburg and wife Linda, Susan Barrios and husband Don and Debra Truxillo and husband Tommy; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by Coleen Collins, Melynda Collins Tchappitt and Bailey and Logan Tchappitt.

Services will be held Friday, Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, located at 1612 E. Walker St. in League City. A reception will follow the funeral Mass.

Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Education leaders comment on Abbott's finance reform

The following are comments that were made by educated leaders regarding Gov. Greg Abbott's plan to reform school finance.

"We appreciate Gov. Abbott's thoughtful approach and long-range planning for school finance that was addressed during the State of the State. His recommendation to invest more in early childhood education will play a vital role in not only increasing academic achieve-

ment for Texas students, but also will help ensure that our great state continues to be competitive and prosperous in the future." — Joe McMahan, Texas state director, Council For A Strong America.

"We thank Gov. Abbott, Speaker Bonnen and the legislature for building on the work of the school finance commission to address one of the most important and formidable issues facing Tex-

as: how the state funds education. The future economy and social fabric of the Lone Star State is being shaped in our classrooms today. By investing in our greatest assets—our young people—we can ensure Texas continues to thrive and lead in an ever-increasing, competitive and global marketplace." — Nicole Conley, chief financial officer, Austin Independent School District.

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Olson commits to passing Cardiac Arrest Survival Act

Rep. Pete Olson released the following statement regarding the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act:

"Each day we are reminded of the courage and resilience Texans showed in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. We saw countless acts of humanity from first responders, neighbors, volunteers and folks who came from across the country to help in our time of need.

"While it's been over a year since Harvey wreaked havoc on our communities, the #HoustonStrong spirit still remains alive and well.

In that same spirit, many of our federal laws should be commonsense solutions that instill that same message—folks helping in a time of need.

"According to the American Heart Association, over 320,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year—a leading cause of death in America. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating, which stops oxygen-rich blood from reaching the brain and other organs.

"The average response time to a 911 call is over sev-

en minutes, giving SCA victims roughly a 10% chance of survival. If Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are used immediately, the chance of survival jumps to 50 percent. However first responders with access to AEDs are not always around the corner to help. We also face a complex patchwork of state laws that hinder our ability to make these life-saving devices more readily available.

"A critical solution exists—have AEDs more widely available for Good Samaritans to

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Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan
A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page shared a post that shows images of a woman allegedly taking a package from someone's front porch.

The original post reads that the incident occurred at Riverstone Ranch in Pearland. Anyone recognizing the woman is encouraged to call the police. This post has been shared with other community Facebook groups.

A member of the *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group found two dogs near Beamer Road. One dog appears to be a white lab mix and the other appears to be a Pomeranian.

The member posted a photo of the dogs for identification. Contact the member via Facebook for more information.

A member of the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page posted a photo of his two German shepherds that got out. The dogs were located and tied to a vehicle on Beamer and the Beltway, but when the owner arrived the dogs were gone. If found, contact the owner via Facebook.

South Belt Chamber of Commerce honors outstanding students for January



Valerie Hernandez (holding sign), kindergartener, has been chosen Atkinson Elementary's Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials, Hernandez knows how to have fun and play when it is the appropriate time and how to work hard and give her best effort, showing what she has learned. She is an exceptional student that teachers enjoy having in class and is a good friend helpful to other students. Shown with Hernandez are, left to right, Angela Stallings, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent; Lena Ortiz, Atkinson principal; Beatriz Hernandez, mother; Arturo Hernandez, father; Angi Fox, Atkinson kindergarten teacher; and Kenny Fernandez, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board chair.



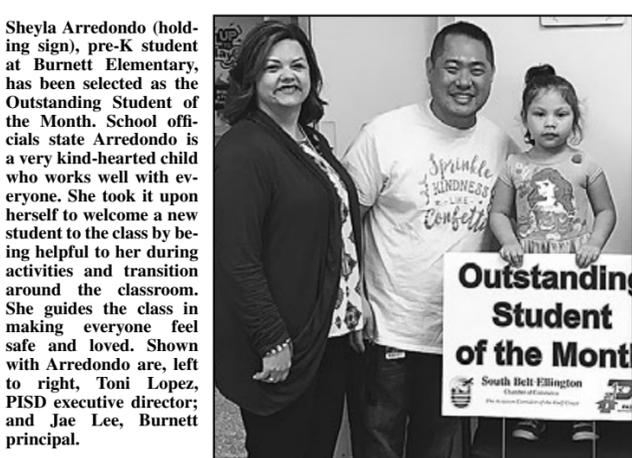
According to school officials at Thomas Hancock Elementary, Diego Garcia (holding sign), fourth-grader, sets daily attainable goals and works either independently or with a partner to reach his goals. He peer tutors students who are struggling with focus areas that he has already mastered. When he makes mistakes, he owns up to them and works to correct them. He is always striving to better himself and those around him. He is a great example of a Thomas Hancock Bison. For these reasons, he has been named Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Garcia are, left to right, Juliette Walsh, Thomas Hancock fourth-grade teacher; Dr. Rhonda Parmer, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent; and Veronica Sandoval, Thomas Hancock principal.



Bao Vu (holding sign), fifth-grader at Morris Middle School, has been chosen Outstanding Student of the Month. School staff say Bao is an exceptionally respectful and hardworking student. He often offers to assist his fellow students in class, and has shown to be a fantastic mentor and teacher to his peers. However, what is most special about Bao is that he is fair-minded and humble; he takes feedback from his classmates just as well as he gives constructive feedback. Bao advocates for his peers' success and gives credit where credit is due. Shown with Bao are, left to right, Alyta Harrell, PISD associate superintendent; Allison Lewallen, Morris principal; William Vu, brother; Hanh Nguyen, mother; Thao Nguyen, cousin; and Courtney Oliver, Morris fifth-grade peer reading facilitator.



Frazier Elementary school officials state that Ethan Alonso (holding sign), first-grader, comes to school every day with a smile. He has a positive attitude. Alonso is always willing to help others. He always notices when someone needs a friend. He is available to support his classmates with whatever they need. He completes work with quality in mind every time. He is an excellent model for his peers. His work is always his best and he is an enthusiastic learner. School officials are impressed by his great attitude and kind heart. Alonso is always polite and respectful to adults and kids. For these reasons, Alonso has been chosen as Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Alonso are, left to right, Kristina Ponce, Frazier assistant principal; Pablo Alonso, father; Jessica Yanez, mother; and Daniel Hoppie, South Belt-Ellington Chamber education committee member and PISD executive director.



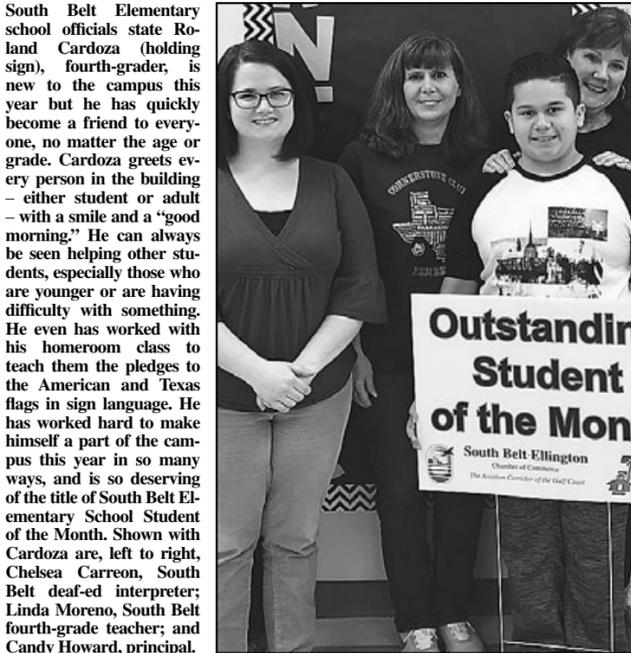
Sheyla Arredondo (holding sign), pre-K student at Burnett Elementary, has been selected as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Arredondo is a very kind-hearted child who works well with everyone. She took it upon herself to welcome a new student to the class by being helpful to her during activities and transition around the classroom. She guides the class in making everyone feel safe and loved. Shown with Arredondo are, left to right, Toni Lopez, PISD executive director; and Jae Lee, Burnett principal.



Moore Elementary school officials state Alex Balletero (center), kindergartener, deserves to be student of the month because of his enthusiasm for learning and for his commitment to a goal he has set for himself. Balletero has gone beyond expectations to complete lessons on Dreambox and has encouraged his classmates to work hard on their own lessons. Moore school officials are all very proud of him for working so hard this month in class and at home and for encouraging others to do the same. Shown with Balletero are, left to right, Jill Lacamu, Moore principal; and Beth Leimbach, Moore kindergarten teacher.



Sydnee Pector (holding sign), Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grader, has been selected Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials, Pector is a conscientious student who is always prepared for class. She is very bright, hardworking, and performs her work with near perfection. She is a beacon of sunshine at BHI - bringing joy to those around her. Pector is polite and helpful to both her teachers and classmates. She constantly strives to complete things to the best of her ability and is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and put in the hard work and dedication needed to excel. Shown with Pector are, left to right, Stacey Barber, BHI principal; Hoppie; Grant Pector, BHI seventh-grade teacher; and Ashley Collier, BHI assistant principal.



South Belt Elementary school officials state Roland Cardoza (holding sign), fourth-grader, is new to the campus this year but he has quickly become a friend to everyone, no matter the age or grade. Cardoza greets every person in the building - either student or adult - with a smile and a "good morning." He can always be seen helping other students, especially those who are younger or are having difficulty with something. He even has worked with his homeroom class to teach them the pledges to the American and Texas flags in sign language. He has worked hard to make himself a part of the campus this year in so many ways, and is so deserving of the title of South Belt Elementary School Student of the Month. Shown with Cardoza are, left to right, Chelsea Carreon, South Belt deaf-ed interpreter; Linda Moreno, South Belt fourth-grade teacher; and Candy Howard, principal.



Stuchbery Elementary school officials state they are so proud to announce that the Student of the Month is a safety patrol member and a student council representative. Stephanie Marquez (holding sign), fourth-grader, begins every day by helping students stay safe and get ready for school. She is an A student and participates in class with a smile. Shown with Marquez are, left to right, Demetrius Robinson, Stuchbery fourth-grade teacher; Linda Bravo, Stuchbery fourth-grade teacher; Jean DeLeon, Stuchbery fourth-grade teacher; and Jose Hernandez, Stuchbery principal.



Natalie Soto (holding sign), third-grader at Laura Bush Elementary, has been chosen as the Student of the Month. According to school officials, Soto is a responsible, motivated and passionate student. She comes to school every day with a smile on her face, and is always eager to learn and help. She can be found in the office every morning, before class, with the attendance clerk distributing student badges. Soto is very engaged in her classes and is always willing to help her classmates with assignments and instructions, or to help them feel better when they feel discouraged. Soto is an awesome student who will excel in her education. Shown with Soto are, left to right, Aide Buenrostro, Laura Bush third-grade teacher; Maria Hernandez, Laura Bush assistant principal; Enrique Macias, Laura Bush third-grade teacher; and Harrell.



According to school officials, Melissa Maldonado Chapa (holding sign) is a senior criminal justice student at Kirk Lewis Career Technical High School. She has represented CTHS and served on the superintendent student advisory committee. She is a member of the Class of 2019 Executive Board as well as has served as an officer for the criminal justice club. Chapa earned her Community Emergency Response Team Certification as a junior and a Jailer Certification as a senior. She plans to attend San Jacinto College and then transfer to University of Houston. For these reasons, Chapa has been chosen as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Chapa are, left to right, (front row) Kristi White, CTHS assistant principal; Kelly Potter, CTHS counselor; Harrell; (back row) Lopez; Stallings; Fernandez; Hoppie; and Steve Fleming, CTHS principal.



Shayna Motel (left), junior at Dobie High School Main campus, has been selected as the Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials, Motel played a starring role in Dobie's "The Addams Family" musical. Not only is she a talented actress and an important part of the theater department, Motel is also an AP student who works hard to balance all that is important to her. She represents what Dobie is all about. Shown with Motel is Jennifer Haynes, Dobie counselor.



Fred Roberts Middle School has chosen Samantha Chano (holding sign), sixth-grader, as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Chano is small in stature, but her personality is anything but small. She's a kind-hearted encourager who stands up for herself and others. Chano works hard and puts her best effort into everything she does. She's the first to volunteer to help, even if the job is undesirable. She recently organized a fundraiser to help a teacher in need, for no other reason than, "She's my teacher and I love her." Shown with Chano are, left to right, Jorly Thomas, Fred Roberts principal; Lopez; Rebecca Deitz, Fred Roberts assistant principal; Citlali Guerrero, Fred Roberts assistant principal; LaShondra Evans, Fred Roberts math peer facilitator; and Gracelia Hernandez, Fred Roberts peer facilitator.



Melillo Middle School officials state that Miranda Medel (holding sign), fifth-grader, is a great role model for fellow students. She is currently in the CONNECT program and has excelled at meeting goals and completing platform curriculum and projects on time. She is currently tutoring fellow pre-AP students on focus areas, which exemplifies her school motto: Hearts that Care, Hands that Serve, and Minds that Think. Medel also enjoys creating art and appreciates the use of technology. For these reasons, Medel has been chosen as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Medel are, left to right, Adriana Saavedra, Melillo assistant principal; Fernandez; Diane Wheeler, Melillo principal; Chris Bui, Melillo assistant principal; Lilliana Monita, Melillo counselor; and Stallings.

Commissioners court gives 7% budget hike

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 The district attorney's office to provide more information on the caseload backlog, its causes and what reform-minded solutions such a budget increase would provide. His office never received a response to that inquiry.

"No one disputes that the caseload backlog is a problem. But without a clear understanding of all the underlying causes of the backlog, there was no way to know whether this drastic budget increase would provide the most effective and fair solutions because we don't know what all is causing these issues or how to best solve them," explained Ellis.

During the budget discussion, Ellis made a motion to review the county's criminal justice system, including the underlying causes of the caseload backlog at the district attorney's office, to identify effective strategies that will improve community safety, reduce inefficiencies, and increase fairness and equity.

"Looking ahead, we must invest in smart-on-crime reforms that promote the safety and well-being of all communities, divert people away from the criminal justice system and make our entire system more effective, efficient and fair for everyone. This review will help us do just that," said Ellis.

Increase use of AEDs

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 use in life or death situations. AEDs are specially designed to be user-friendly so the untrained neighbor, coach, or bystanders can easily use them. However state laws involving liability if a Good Samaritan using an AED on someone in cardiac arrest vary across the country. Some states have laws that prevent or deter Good Samaritans from taking action in an emergency situation for fear of prosecution. No one should have to worry about the potential consequences of helping someone in need. The patchwork of laws also makes wider use of AEDs difficult for national companies operating in many or all 50 states to understand compliance issues. This can discourage greater availability and use of these life-saving devices. This legal complexity discourages wider use of these life-saving devices.

surrounding use of AEDs. The easier we can make it for companies, schools, hotels and restaurants to carry AEDs, the more lives we can save. This has been a priority of mine for many years. That's why I reintroduced the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act, which establishes a uniform baseline of liability protection for businesses that acquire AEDs and the Good Samaritans who use them to save a life. This bill has strong bipartisan support and hopefully we can get it passed and encourage a wider deployment of AEDs. No one should die because a Good Samaritan or business fears being sued.

"During February, American Heart Month and every month, we can all work to make healthy choices to promote a healthy heart. I am committed to passing the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act in the House and Senate to increase the use of AEDs, protect Good Samaritans and save more lives."

Educational leaders give remarks on plan

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 "As a former member of the Texas Commission on Public School Finance, I am thrilled that the governor has prioritized school finance for the 86th Legislative session, and I hope his fellow lawmakers will honor his goals by implementing our recommendations. Our state is facing enormous challenges in the areas of third-grade reading, college readiness, and educational equity. I'm thankful we have state leadership with the vision necessary to enact new and effective strategies that directly address these critical issues." — Todd Williams, chairman and CEO, The Commit Partnership.

It is our hope that any reform to this system includes an emphasis on improving third grade reading scores, a crucial indicator of future success. We also hope legislators will work to improve the quality and sustainability of the childcare industry. Our newest generation of Texans are depending on it." — Kimberly Manns, managing director, Early Matters Dallas.

"We were very encouraged to hear Gov. Abbott lay out a comprehensive vision for what school finance reform looks like in Texas earlier today. By making key investments in early childhood education, creating a tier of weights to recognize that it takes more resources to educate students based on their level of poverty, and investing in dual language education among other essential priorities, it is clear that the Governor wants to make significant investments in Texas public schools while lowering the rate of property tax increases." — Dr. Pedro Martinez, superintendent, San Antonio Independent School District.

"Teach Plus teachers and Teach Plus Texas are excited about the opportunities for Texas students which Gov. Abbott discussed in the State of the State Address. Gov. Abbott is calling for substantial new funding for education, strategically spent to ensure a bright future for our students and the Lone Star State." — Teach Plus Texas.

Israeli folk dancing continues

Israeli folk dancing will continue through the cold winter months. The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. February dates are 18 and 25. The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group — even if one has not yet attended. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ELENI VLAHAKOS**, Deceased, were issued on January 15, 2019 in Cause No. **472423** pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, to: Victor Vlahakos.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

DEAN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Dean Baier, longtime South Belt resident and director of operations at Clear Brook City MUD, is wished a happy birthday Feb. 16 from son **Ryan Baier**, granddaughter **Payton Worden**, friends and the *Leader* staff. He is active in the community, serving as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter for Harris County Southeast Fire Department and chairing the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off.

JADE CELEBRATES 11TH BIRTHDAY
 Special happy birthday wishes are sent to **Jade Elizabeth Scarberry** who turns 11 years old Monday, Feb. 18. Hugs and kisses are sent to her from dad **Austin** and wife **Tiffany** and little sister **Lily Scarberry**; mom **Nicole Scarberry**; grandparents **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry**, former longtime South Belt residents; aunts **Jenny Hayes** and **Stacey Flowers**; uncles **Stephen Flowers**, **Joey Hayes** and **Tyler Scarberry**; and cousins **Brayden** and **Baylee Espinosa**, **Olivia Moreno**, and **Kennedy Owen** and **Evie Flowers**. Jade's parents are both Dobie High School graduates.

ATKINSON ELEMENTARY
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Ludivina Perez** Feb. 17.
Bush Elementary
 The day for a birthday gift for **Aide Buenrostro** is Feb. 18.
Frazier Elementary
Maritza De La Garza enjoys a birthday Feb. 15. Send a happy birthday greeting Feb. 16 to **Maria Rodriguez**.

GENOA ELEMENTARY
 The day for a party for **Summer Bradley** is Feb. 18.
Meador Elementary
 Light the birthday candles for **Natalie Aviles** Feb. 15.
Moore Elementary
 Join in the birthday fun Feb. 18 with **Ashley Evans**.

SOUTH BELT ELEMENTARY
 Marking a birthday Feb. 19 is **Amber Morris**.
Melillo Middle School
 The day for a birthday cake for **Gabrielle Creagh** is Feb. 14.
Roberts Middle School
 Celebrating a birthday Feb. 15 is **Angela Avera**. Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 17 to **Maritta Duron**. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 18 is **Jennifer Saldivar**.

CONGRATULATIONS, DINH!
 South Belt resident **Dinh Thai** has been named to the dean's list at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. This academic honor is achieved by earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the fall 2018 semester at Drake.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 14 through Feb. 20.

BEVERLY HILLS INTERMEDIATE
 Send birthday wishes Feb. 15 to **Barbara Henderson**.
Thompson Intermediate
 Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake Feb. 17 for **Sandra Trevino** and

Margaret Teatsworth. Sing a happy birthday chorus Feb. 19 to **Yolanda Robinson**.
Dobie High
Andrew Kirkpatrick enjoys a birthday Feb. 15. Sharing a birthday Feb. 16 are **Samantha Poulard** and **Willard Joiner**. The day for a party for **Reema Shaikat** is Feb. 18. Send a birthday greeting Feb. 20 to **Dendy Farrar**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday:
 Thursday, Feb. 14: **Cathi Brockman** and **Jon Baker**; Friday, Feb. 15: **Mark Wilson**, **Laura Allison**, **Gene Cernal** and **Kelley Huebner**; Saturday, Feb. 16: **Yvonne Rojas**, **Linda Soria**, **Danielle Cunningham**, **Mary Nell Dees**, **Rhonda Stallbaumer**, **Sharla Fuels** and **Lisa Fernandez**; Sunday, Feb. 17: **CaShaune Murphy**, **Jeannie Nelson**, **Monica Gonzales**, **Dawn Armstrong**, **Jeri Joslin**, **Donn Reichelt**, **Russell Janacek** and **Susan Slater**, Monday, Feb. 18: **Sonja Britt**, **Jason Jaeger**, **Leslie Barr**, **Sterling Washington**, **Rose Pena**, **Tianne Bernal**, **LeRoy Peters**, **Shana Kiser**, **Daer Platt**, **Valerie Chavez** and **Troy Taormina**; Tuesday, Feb. 19: **Jason Minck**, **Dalaina Rounsavall-Harris**, **Patricia Doran** and **Ryan Mint**; and Wednesday, Feb. 20: **Paul Brantly**, **Heidi Samford**, **Judy Lucadooly** and **Jamie Baggett**.

SJC takes top honor in Bellwether Awards

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 The Bellwether Awards are an integral part of the Community College Futures Assembly—sponsored by the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida—focusing on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs that other colleges might find worthy of replicating.

former U.S. military and merchant marine officers, these dedicated mariners have more than 225 years of industry experience combined and are committed to shaping the maritime leaders of tomorrow.

The other programs selected as 2019 Bellwether Award winners are: Polk State College's "Transforming advanced technical education through innovative new models" in the instructional programs and services category, and San José Evergreen Community College District's program "Silicon Valley career pathways" in planning, governance, and finance.

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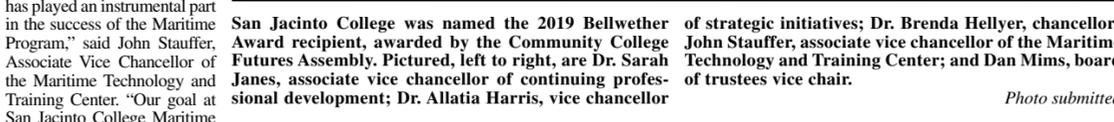
Leadership Showcase spotlights students

Students owned the day, and their learning, on Jan. 31 during the Clear Creek Independent School District Leadership Showcase. The day was a supersized "show-and-tell" for students and staff of the six CCISD campuses that are now Leader In Me schools. Now in its third year of implementation in the District, The Leader In Me is a whole-school transformation process that prepares students to become life-ready leaders, citing tangible improvements in the academic, behavioral and social well-being of participating students.

More than 150 business and community leaders, staff and observers from neighboring districts toured Leader In Me campuses and classrooms to watch students demonstrate their learning and progress through the immersive program. Campus spotlighted were Armand Bayou Elementary, in year two of implementation; Bay Elementary, in year one of implementation; Falcon Pass Elementary, in year three of implementation; McWhirter Elementary, in year one of implementation; Space Center Intermediate, in year one of im-

plementation; and Whitcomb Elementary, in year one of implementation. Some campuses invited guests into their Character Rallies where students celebrated successes realized over the past several weeks as well as "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," Stephen Covey's foundation for The Leader In Me program. Habits such as "put first things first" and "seek first to understand then to be understood" were on full display as achievements such as perfect attendance and model behavior were cheered on by the student body. Guests

also heard from student panels and wound through classroom observations visiting with students who proudly presented their goal binders and explained how job boards work in their school. The Leader In Me in CCISD is made possible through community donations, as well as by both campus and District-allocated funds. CCISD, with the generous support of the Clear Creek Education Foundation and other community partners, plans to bring The Leader In Me program to an additional 12 campuses over the next five years.



San Jacinto College was named the 2019 Bellwether Award recipient, awarded by the Community College Futures Assembly. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Sarah Janes, associate vice chancellor of continuing professional development; Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor of strategic initiatives; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor; John Stauffer, associate vice chancellor of the Maritime Technology and Training Center; and Dan Mims, board of trustees vice chair.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
 A Sagemont woman escaped serious injury when the automobile in which she was riding crashed through a barricade at the end of Sagepark. The male driver of the vehicle was apparently uninjured.

20 years ago (1999)
 City-contracted crews cut phone lines to approximately 900 residents and businesses while working on sewer lines on the Beltway 8 feeder road.

10 years ago (2009)
 Clear Brook Meadows resident and 1997 Dobie graduate Troy Augst was killed in a head-on collision in the 2600 block of Genoa Red Bluff. Police said Augst

was traveling west as east-bound driver Rodney Price of La Porte attempted to pass two vehicles and crashed into him, causing his vehicle to spin around into a ditch and strike a telephone pole.

Two separate houses caught fire the same day. Firefighters from several local units extinguished a blaze at a home in the 11400 block of Camphorwood. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

35 years ago (1984)
 Tornadoes left a path of destruction through the South Belt area.

25 years ago (1994)
 Houston police investigated a drive-by shooting in the 10100 block of Kirkdale, just blocks away from a similar shooting that occurred during the previous month.

15 years ago (2004)
 City of Houston crew members inadvertently ruptured a natural gas line while

trying to dig up a sewer pipe in the backyard of a home on Kirkgreen. As a result, four homes had to be evacuated because of the incident.

injury. No immediate arrests were made. The Dobie Lariatettes and Lasso drill teams excelled at a regional competition in New Caney, taking home multiple awards.

Special Ops successful

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 Precinct 2's Special Operations Unit was formed approximately one and one-half years ago. The elite unit is composed of three full-time deputies and one part-time deputy. In addition to battling narcotics, the group also tackles other vices, such as gambling and prostitution.

an estimated \$375,000, and five vehicles, worth an estimated \$70,600. Deputies also seized \$919,149 in U.S. currency. A total of 23 firearms were also confiscated.

Like most other vice units, the division's work often involves undercover operations. Their recent successes follow a trend begun the previous year. During the last six months of 2018, the group took more than \$10 million worth of drugs off area streets.

According to Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzer, the unit's statistics are among the highest in the Greater Houston area and are on par with divisions in the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's office.

The division was temporarily disbanded during the Christmas holidays when general crime rates are higher but regrouped shortly after the new year.

Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz recently took to Facebook to praise the unit.

Merger a no-go

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 for collaboration as two forward-thinking, mission-driven organizations."

of Houston, Dallas, Austin and Temple.

The proposed merger between Memorial Hermann and Baylor Scott & White Health was to include equal board membership and leadership roles from both medical groups.

A name for the unified group had yet to be determined. The two groups went as far as to sign a letter of intent to proceed with the merger.

The combined organization was to serve the areas

However, a definitive agreement could not be reached between the two entities.

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Burnett names its awards for second nine-weeks

Burnett Elementary has named its awards for the second nine-weeks.

Good Citizenship Award
Dorian Chenier, Eduardo Acosta, Jay Amaya, Crystal Antunez, Jacelyn Arevalo, Lydia Aviles, Hanna Barboza, Carlos Beltran, Jonah Boutte, Lyla Coleman, Noah Cubos, Sophia Cubos, Edgar Douglas, Ruby Douglas, Naomi Duong and Malaika Farr.

Mendoza, Giselle Nguyen, Sophia Nguyen, Hamdan Odeh, Nahomy Orellana, Xochitl Pacheco and Adam Pham.
Victoria Pineda, Maxwell Pion, Tony Rentas, Elaine Reyes, Victor Reyes, Lino Reyna, Maritza Rocha, Jesus Romero, Sarai Russell, Elianai Visuet, Minh Triet Vu and Daniel Zanetti.

First grade
Abedalbasat Abedrabbo, Lydia Aviles, Hanna Barboza, Julian Benedict, Jadier Benitez, Broderick Braggs, Madison Cardenas, Dorian Chenier, Ivan Cortez, Aaron Cruz, Natalie Delacruz, Joshua Deleon, Johana Huelzo-Diaz, Jaeliana Espinoza and Valeria Espinoza.

Malaika Farr, Layne Freeman, Sara Galicia, Sophia Garza, My'Angel Gill, Emily Gonzales, Son Hoang, Nicole Izaguirre, Gibson Jordan, Cheyenne Kelley, Jacob Miniel, Jacob Miniel and Miracle Nwosu.

Jyadelin Palacios, Xavier Palomares, Fernanda Pineda, Kayla Quiroz, Michael Rentas, Craig Robertson, Javier Robles, Iker Sanchez, Alondra To, Aldo Velasquez and Savannah Yeager.

Second grade
Jay Amaya, Allison Amaya, Vince Barron, Anderson Castillo, Jonathan Chavarria, Tristen Cleary, Serenity Crabtree, Joanna Espitia, Yulissa Flores, Jacob Garrison, Alyanna DelaGarza and Phenix Gomez.

Manu Gregory, Alexia Guerra, Kayla Guzman, Aiden Gwosdz, Jayden Izaguirre, Daveyn Jackson-Little, Saul Lozano, Aylinn Maldonado, Jacob Mendez, Amy Moreno, Ruth Mosha, Jeremiah Myers and Ryleigh Navarre.

Math Wizards Kindergarten
Emery Banda, Torrie Caniff, Elijah Cruzado, Sophia

Cubos, Noah Cubos, Brianna Delcid, Ruby Douglas, Naomi Duong, Sadie Engle, Jaelynn Espitia, Indra Gregory, Mariana Guajardo, Isabella Guerra and Kameron Joseph.
Gerson Joya, Dereck Madrigales, Giselle Nguyen, Sophia Nguyen, Hamdan Odeh, Adam Pham, Victoria Pineda, Maxwell Pion, Tony Rentas, Maritza Rocha, Jesus Romero, Sarai Russell, Elianai Visuet and Daniel Zanetti.

First grade
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Second grade
Alyanna DelaGarza.

"On a Roll" Roll Third grade

Alfred Arias, Abrey Banda, Serina Beard, Carlos Beltran, Miriam Casas, Harold Davila, Isaiha Delgado, Anthony Dominguez, Adrian Garcia, Jasara Key and Stephanie Ledesma.

Humberto Maldonado, Connor Maldonado, Barbara Melchor, Azhley Mora, Ryan Nguyen, Jose Quiroz, Aliyah Rhodes, Reyna Rivera, Nathaly Sanchez, Cayla Tang, Mya Williams and Liany Zarazua.

Fourth grade
Breniyah Braggs, Mya Cantu, Deontae Cumby, Angel Dominguez, Brandon Galicia, David Gaona, Thomas Jones, Adrian Lopez, Ngoc Nguyen, Isaiha Ochoa, Emilio Palomo, Andy Phan, Axel Pion, Isaiha Romero, Gael Salinas, Geovanny Sanchez, Isai Saravia, Damian Torres, Ava Weaver, Jazlynn Wimbush and Jalen Young.

Principal's Award Third grade

Lorena Aguirre, Angelina Amaya, Angela Argueta, Alfred Arias, Lynette Aviles, Anderson Aviles, Abrey Banda, Carlos Beltran, Ayleen Brisenno, Ashby Caniff, Celeste Casarez, Miriam Casas, Ariez Curtis, Jeff Cuyuch, Harold Davila, Anthony Dominguez, Edgar Douglas

and Aliah Garner.
Samuel Gonzales, Sebastian Gonzalez, Keira Gonzalez, Ezequiel Henriquez, Adan Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez, Stephanie Ledesma, Javier Legaspi, Anjalie Liceaga, Connor Maldonado, Humberto Maldonado, Barbara Melchor and Oswaldo Molina.

Fourth grade
Louis Aviles, Frank Benitez, Breniyah Braggs, Mya Cantu, Lyla Coleman, Santiago Diaz, Angel Dominguez, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Fabian Fraide, Diego Garay, Alicia Garcia, Joseph Gonzales, Caela Griffin, Skye Guzman, Jaxon Humphrey and Jacob Hurtado.

Thomas Jones, Keon Keyes, Calissa Marquez, Melanie Martinez, Rory Martinez, Abilyn Rivera Martinez, Elianne Mendoza, Samuel Moreno, Ngoc Nguyen, Toby Nguyen, Isaiha Ochoa, Marie Onofre, Emilio Palomo, Mikeal Pantaleon, Andy Phan and Andy Pineda.

Fourth grade
Axel Pion, Kaden Ramirez, Melany Rangel, Evan Rodriguez, Jasmine Russell, Erik Sanchez, Geovanny Sanchez, Diego Solano, Cameron Taylor, Damian Torres, Adrian Villatoro, Ava Weaver, Jazlynn Wimbush, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.

Perfect Attendance
Dylan Aguilar, Natalie Alfaro, Angelina Amaya, Jay Amaya, Anderson Aviles, Carlos Beltran, La'Dejah Bolding, Jose Bonilla, Leilyn Castillo, Destiny Cathey, Jonathan Chavarria, Lyla Coleman, Yarely Cortez, Serenity Crabtree, Aaron Cruz, Elijah Cruzado, Alyanna De La Garza, Joshua Deleon, Venezia Diaz-Rubio and Cain Dominguez.

Adrian Elizalde, Angelica Elizalde, Cruz Escobar, Se-

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Vijay Green, Manu Gregory, Caela Griffin, Mariana Guajardo, Alexia Guerra, Kayla Guzman, Gwen Heitman, Ezequiel Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez, Santiago Hernandez, Yaira Hernandez, Jayden Izaguirre, Nicole Izaguirre, Daveyn Jackson-Little, Thomas Jones, Gibson Jordan, Kameron Joseph, Gerson Joya and Javier Legaspi.

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Brook debate continues to earn qualifications

Clear Brook High School debaters brought home their 12th state qualification of the year at Texas City High School the weekend of Feb. 1-2.

Senior Bennett Davies is the most recent student to qualify in Lincoln-Douglas Debate in which he finished second place after he and his fellow teammates managed to be almost half of the quarterfinals bracket at the meet. Davies also placed second overall speaker at the meet in LD Debate.

Also faring well in the Novice division of this same event, freshman Zahra Virani placed second overall and she also performed well in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking by placing third.

Upper-classmen Maryam Babar and Yusra Ahsan propelled themselves to finals after exemplary finishes in preliminary and semifinal rounds of Informative Speaking, placing second and fourth, respectively, while fellow senior Archer French placed fifth overall in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, putting him within five points of his needed total for his state qualification.



Clear Brook High School debaters continue to earn qualifications for state. Shown above with their awards are Zahra Virani (left) and Archer French.

CCISD musicians participate in TMEA All-State Ensembles

Thirty-six Clear Creek Independent School District high school musicians representing band, choir and orchestra recently earned the honor to participate in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles. All five comprehensive CCISD high schools will have students representing the district at the annual TMEA Clinic and Convention in San Antonio on Feb. 13-16.

Beginning each fall, more than 70,000 high school students across the state audition in their TMEA region. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. A select group of musicians then advance to TMEA Area. The highest-ranking musicians judged

I also wish to thank the parents and staff for their commitment to excellence and for supplying the necessary tools, resources and guidance for the students to reach their dreams and goals.

The students will be participating at the TMEA Clinic and Convention which is the largest music education conference of its kind in the world. They will spend four days rehearsing and performing with some of the most talented musicians across the state and will be led by world-renowned conductors.

The list of students include:
Clear Brook High School
Alyssa Estrella, Jessica Hawkins, Elizabeth Jackson and Abel Lostaunau.
Clear Creek High School

Mitchell Bonvillian, James Brandt, Bryan Dawn, Madigan Ewing, Travis Falknor, Lucinda Melcher, Brady Raboin and Riana Vermillion.
Clear Falls High School
Christopher Colling, Tarryn Goldner, Alex Phan, Ian Smith, Michael Snook and Logan Woods.
Clear Lake High School
Samuel Bowers, Kevin Chan, Hannah Chuang, Chris Hassapes, Kyle Husby, Zahi Hussain, Pavan Manoj, Samuel McBurnett, Quynh Nguyen, Julie Sang and Thomas Whitmore.
Clear Springs High School
Lindsey Austin, Anthony Barcio, Emma Garcia, Aidan Knight, Nicolas Monticello, Craig Smith and Richard Zhou.

Boundary advisory gives recommendation

Based on public input and further review, the Clear Creek ISD School Boundary Advisory Committee pulled back on several original boundary change recommendations for the 2019-2020 school year, moved forward with all high school boundary proposals, and made some revisions for the elementary school recommendations.

will stay at North Pointe Elementary and Stillwater Cove will move to Ward Elementary.
High school boundary changes and grandfathering of students
The committee maintained all of its original boundary change recommendations. The District will implement high school boundary changes with the incoming ninth-grade class. Students will stay at their current high school through graduation. Transportation will be provided for both the current high school students as well as the incoming ninth-graders to the new high school campus. For more information, visit <https://ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=71992480>.
WAVE magnet alignment
WAVE attendance zones are determined by a student's high school feeder pattern. If an incoming sixth-grade WAVE student and/or current WAVE student has had a change in his/her high school feeder pattern, he/she may now have a change in their WAVE campus for the 2019-2020 school year. For example, if a student resides in the Kirby Woods Subdivision and attends Woods, the student will move to WAVE North, Westbrook, next year versus staying at WAVE South, League City Intermediate. Similarly,

all of Greene Elementary will be moved to Clear Brook High School under this proposal, meaning any WAVE students who live in the Greene Elementary zone will now move to WAVE North, Westbrook Intermediate. If an existing WAVE student would like to stay at his/her current WAVE campus versus moving to the new WAVE campus, an intradistrict transfer request should be made. The intradistrict transfer process does not open until March 1. Transfer requests must be filed annually. For more information, visit http://ccisd.net/parents/student_registration/student_transfers.
WAVE North, Westbrook Intermediate
Clear Brook High School and Clear Lake High School.
WAVE South, League City Intermediate
Clear Creek High School, Clear Falls High School and Clear Springs High School.
Visit www.ccisd.net/sbac to see the full list of maps for the final recommendations, which will be considered for approval by the school board on Feb. 25. All approved boundary recommendations will go into effect for the 2019-2020 school year.

HCAD offers free workshops to help business owners

The Harris County Appraisal District has begun the process of mailing personal property rendition forms to businesses known to have been operating in Harris County during 2018.

The appraisal district is offering free workshops to help business owners complete the required personal property rendition forms before the April 1 filing deadline. If a person owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, they must file a rendition with the Harris County Appraisal District

Participants may attend at any time during the scheduled hours and typically will be able to complete the process in about an hour. There is no charge to attend. Workshops will be conducted at the following locations:
• Thursday, Feb. 21, 1 - 4 p.m., Cleveland Ripley Neighborhood Ctr., 720 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena.
• Thursday, Feb. 28, 1 - 5 p.m., HCAD Offices, 13013 Northwest Freeway, first floor.
• Thursday, March 7, 1 - 4 p.m., Alice M. Young Branch

Library, 5107 Griggs Road.
• Tuesday, March 12, 1 - 4 p.m., Fallbrook Church, 12512 Walters Road.
• Tuesday, March 19, 1 to 5 p.m., HCAD Offices, 13013 Northwest Freeway, first floor.
• Thursday, March 21, 1 to 4 p.m., Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive.
Saturday, March 23, 8 a.m. to noon, HCAD Offices, 13013 Northwest Freeway, first floor.
• Thursday, March 28, 1 to 5 p.m., HCAD Offices,

13013 Northwest Freeway, first floor.
"Those who attend these workshops will consult individually with appraisal district staff who will explain personal property taxation and rendition requirements, as well as answer questions about completing the rendition forms," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. "These sessions have been very successful in the past and have helped business owners complete their renditions on the spot."
All business owners are required to file renditions whether or not they have received notification. Businesses that fail to render or that render late are subject to a 10 percent tax penalty. Filing a fraudulent rendition carries a 50 percent penalty if found guilty.
State law permits business owners to obtain an automatic extension of the filing requirement by submitting a request in writing by the April 1 filing deadline. The extended deadline for such businesses would then be May 1.
A rendition form is available on the appraisal district's website at www.head.org under the "Forms" tab along with information on the rules of the process.
Business owners with questions about the rendition requirements are encouraged to attend any of the workshop sessions or call the appraisal district's Information Center at 713-957-7800.

PLT presents "Dancing Lessons"

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's most established community theater, is excited to present the last show of the Black Box Season, "Dancing Lessons" by Mark St. Germain.

Ever, a young man with Asperger's syndrome, seeks the instruction of a Broadway dancer to learn enough dancing to survive an awards dinner. The dancer, Senga, however, is recovering from an injury that may stop her

dancing career permanently. As their relationship unfolds, they're both caught off-guard by the discoveries - both hilarious and heartwarming - that they make about each other and about themselves.

"Dancing Lessons" features director Gregory R. Brown and actors Riley A. Sims and Teresa Stranahan. This production opens on the Black Box Stage Feb. 22, and continues weekends through March 3. Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

To purchase tickets, make reservations or for additional information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.



Pasadena Little Theatre will premier "Dancing Lessons" by Mark St. Germain on Feb. 22. Senga, played by Teresa Stranahan (right), laughs while Ever, played by Riley A. Sims, shows his dance moves. Photo submitted

Sagemont Cowboys, Cowgirls hold registration

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls will be having a final returning player registration on Saturday, Feb. 16, at El Franco Lee Park at the football field from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will also be new player registration on Saturday, March 2, at El Franco Lee Park at the football field from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Sagemont Cowgirls cheer and drill team is welcoming new members, ages 4-13. Team members will learn to work together, participate in friendly competition and form life-long friendships. For more information, email SagemontCowgirls@gmail.com or visit the website at www.sagemontcowboys.com.

For questions about football or drill/cheer, contact Denny Wranich Jr., athletic director, at 713-876-1491; or Jemyre Felton, drill director, at 832-309-7133.

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South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce annual gala a success

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 mittees. He was the Republican caucus chair in the Texas House from 2009 to 2012. (The biography of Taylor in the Jan. 31 edition of the *Leader* included inaccuracies and outdated information. The *Leader* apologizes for any confusion.)
 "As you may have figured out already, this is not our typical banquet event," Taylor told the crowd. "We wanted to blaze the trail and have a little fun -- well, a lot of fun -- as we celebrate 35 years of accomplishments and continue to strengthen our community."
 The fun night also had its more serious moments, highlighted by a moving tribute to the late Dr. B.J. Garner, who was named the chamber's Legacy recipient.
 A founding member of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Garner attended the University of Texas in Austin, where he was a Longhorn Band officer and played the trumpet as he marched in the Presidential Inaugural Parade of John F. Kennedy in 1961. He graduated from UT in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. Garner became a research specialist as a grant recipient in drug research projects for the FDA.
 In 1962, Garner married his high school sweetheart, Laura Nell Sanders, and enjoyed 56 years of marriage together along with the addition of two daughters, Julie Ann and Jennifer Kay. He was a dedicated husband and selflessly giving father to his family.
 Garner was a rock in the South Belt community, as he loved participating in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce as a Lifetime Charter Member and held several leadership positions on the board of directors. He was a charter member and president of the South Belt Optimist Club. Garner further supported the educational community by serving on the Pasadena ISD board for six years and was selected president after holding all of the offices on the board.
 Garner's wife, Laura and daughter Dr. Jennifer Johnson accepted the Legacy award on his behalf.
 Taylor noted that of the three galas he had attended in the previous few weeks, this had been the best. Summing up the event, Taylor said, "I

want to thank the chamber for inviting me to be a part of the celebration and thank the planning committee for making sure that it was such an enjoyable evening. I think a good time was had by all."
 Overall, the event was a great success, and a good time was had by all. San Jacinto College Board Member Larry

Wilson, whose position regularly takes him to such functions, including three in just the last two weeks, said the gala was the best he had ever attended.
 Photos may be found on social media sites under the hashtag #SBEBlazin or visit SmugMug.com under SBE-Chamber.

See next week's issue for more photos



A special version of "Happy Birthday" was sung by a Marilyn Monroe look-alike to Chris Clark, board member of Clear Brook City MUD. Clark celebrated his birthday Sunday, Feb. 10.



Shown above are gala guests, David and Shelly Cino. The Cinos are South Belt residents and they are longtime members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. David is assistant chief to the fire department.



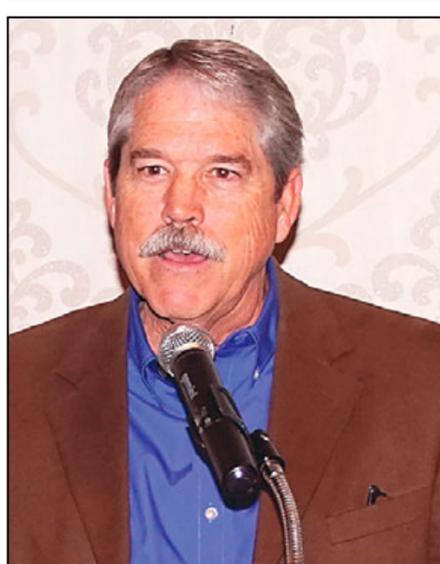
There were guests who represented all kinds of organizations and communities in attendance. Shown are, left to right, Harris County District E Council Member Dave Martin; Harris County District D Council Member Dwight Boykins; and Bob Mitchell, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership president.



Guests at the gala enjoyed a delicious dinner while being amused by look-alike entertainers Dolly Parton, Marilyn Monroe and Cher. The gala also allowed community members to meet and socialize with elected officials in the community. Shown right are, left to right, Denie Kendrick; Carol Wilson; and Marshall Kendrick, Pasadena ISD board member. More pictures of the gala will be printed in next week's *Leader*.



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber annual gala was held Friday, Feb. 8, at Golfcrest Country Club. Several community members, from elected officials to teachers, joined in a night of good food and fun. Shown left as they were recognized for a successful and entertaining gala are the chamber gala committee members, left to right, Cynthia Hawk, Alyta Harrell, Kay Barbour, Rebecca Lilley, Cecelia Ganje, Sarah Ferguson and Kristi Koncaba. Photos by Bruce Summers



Another elected official who attended the function was Texas state Sen. Larry Taylor. Taylor, shown above, greeted guests and emceed the gala.



Kenny Fernandez, chair of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, spoke to guests at the gala, thanking them for attending.

Stuchbery celebrates Lunar New Year

Stuchbery Elementary celebrated Lunar New Year 2019, by greeting students, parents, and teachers at the door, wearing traditional Vietnamese clothing. ESL students and teachers wanted to share the celebration of the year of the pig. Shown right dressed for the occasion are Chelsea Hua (left) and Allison Hua. Shown below at the entrance to the school ready to greet students are, left to right, (front row) Christy Dinh, Julie Lam, Jenny Lam, Denise Duong, Vivian Cai, Denny Mai, (back row) LeHang Nguyen, Cheryl Fox, Sophie Nguyen and Tammy Tran.



Joining in the celebration are, left to right, (front row) Christy Dinh, Vivian Cai, Jenny Lam, Sophie Nguyen, (back row) Fox, Jose Hernandez, Denny Mai, Kristin Wallis, LeHang Nguyen and Tammy Tran. Photos submitted

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Brook, JFD hoops play out campaigns

Junior Shannon Hayes had 14 points as the Dobbie varsity boys' basketball team closed out its 2018-2019 season with a 71-44 loss to District 22-6A champion Summer Creek Feb. 12 at Summer Creek. With the loss, the Longhorns wrapped up a 4-12 run through District 22-6A, with Summer Creek going 16-0 to win the title and top playoff seed. Humble wound up second at 12-4, while South Houston and Atascocita will settle an 11-5 tie for third place. At Clear Falls, the Knights' 56-55 victory over Clear Brook ensured the Clear Springs Chargers the fourth seed in District 24-6A. The Wolverines' Brandon Andrews had 17 points and Paul Wilson added 14 in his final varsity game, but Falls pulled out the win to eliminate the locals from playoff consideration. Dickinson went 11-1 to claim the championship in District 24-6A, and Clear Lake was second at 10-2. Clear Creek grabbed the third seed with a 9-3 mark and Clear Springs' 5-7 mark was good enough for fourth place. The Wolverines had a chance to surpass Springs for the fourth seed but instead dropped consecutive games to Clear Creek and Clear Falls to end the season.

Lady Longhorns roll into area round



Dobie's Madison Garrett (10), whose long-distance 3-pointer at the final buzzer helped Dobbie defeat Humble in the third-place, play-in game, drives her way to the basket during the Lady Longhorns' 35-29 bidistrict playoff victory over North Shore Feb. 11, at Deer Park High School. The win puts Dobbie in the area playoff round for the third consecutive year, where it will face District 24-6A champion Clear Springs. See story on Page 6B.



Annette Eonne (24) of Dobbie rises for a midrange jumper in the first half of the Lady Longhorns' bidistrict playoff triumph over North Shore. The team will now try to reach the regional quarterfinals for the first time since 2004.

JFD soccer continues first-half roll

Whether you are Justo Manrique or Bryan McDonald, it's hard to imagine being more excited about the way the high school soccer season has gone to this point. Manrique, head coach of the Dobbie varsity boys' unit, watched as his team scored a tough 2-1 win over South Houston Feb. 11, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. With the win,

the Longhorns have now set the tone for a showdown with undefeated Memorial. At stake will be sole possession of first place, with both the Longhorns and Mavericks having dashed out to identical 7-0-0 starts with one game remaining in the first half of action. San Jacinto College South will be the site as

the grudge match takes place Friday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. As for McDonald, he, too, saw his team defeat South Houston Feb. 12, at Veterans Stadium. The win has catapulted

the Lady Longhorns to 9-4-1 overall, including 5-1-1 in league play. Kingwood (7-0-1) is atop the standings with an unbeaten record, but the Lady Longhorns are right there,

too. The match against Memorial is not a must win for the Dobbie boys or girls, but it sure would set the stage for a fantastic final straightaway. See standings on Page 6B



Dobbie boys vs. Memorial
Fri., Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.
San Jacinto College South

Dobbie girls vs. Memorial
Sat., Feb. 16, 2 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

At right, Alberto Chavez (2) and his Dobbie teammates are set to face Memorial Feb. 15, at San Jacinto College South with first place on the line. Both teams are currently 7-0-0.

Lady Horn softball opens with victory

Alana Ortega had three hits in the leadoff spot and pitched five innings for the win, getting Dobbie past Clear Brook 7-2 Feb. 11 in the season opener for both teams at the Pasadena ISD complex. Ortega, who last week signed to continue her education and playing career at Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas, led off the bottom of the first inning with a triple and scored on Leslie Longoria's sacrifice fly. With Dobbie leading 4-2 in the sixth, Ortega, Longoria and Dani Colunga had RBI singles to help put the game away for the locals. Dobbie's Taylor Pleas-

ants joined Ortega with three hits, one of them a double, and scored twice to help lift her team. Jasmine Benitez had two hits and scored twice, and it was her bunt hit that got things going in the sixth inning. Jade Dickens doubled and scored two runs for Clear Brook, but Dickens was also the losing pitcher as Dobbie got to her in the sixth inning for the difference. Haley Lisbony also went 2 for 3 for the Wolverines, who will now play in the Brenham Lead-Off Classic Feb. 14-16. Dobbie, meanwhile, will take part in the Bryan/College Station Invitational Feb. 14-16.

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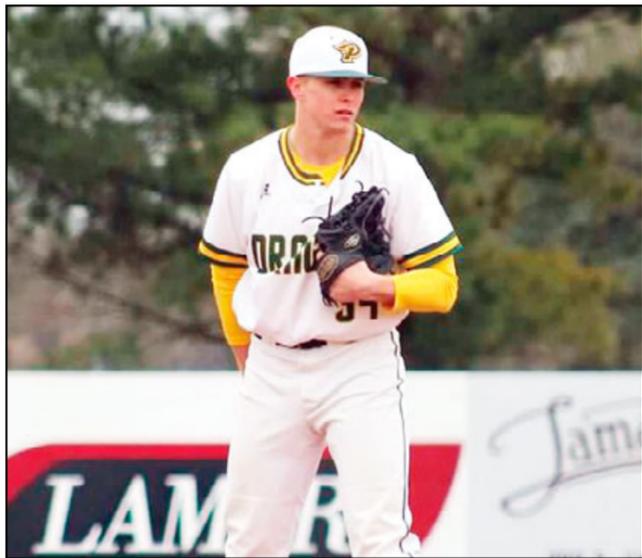
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Dobie's Myers set at Ole Miss



Dobie graduate Tyler Myers is set to make his debut for the Ole Miss Rebels, who open their season Feb. 15-17. Now a junior, Myers had a 2.49 earned run average in 2018 at Paris Junior College.

Fichtner's career off, running at UL-M



Clear Brook High School graduate Molly Fichtner earned her first career coaching victory at the University of Louisiana-Monroe as the Warhawks defeated Austin Peay Feb. 9, in Birmingham, Ala. A four-year varsity starter at Clear Brook, Fichtner played collegiately at both the University of Texas at San Antonio as well as the University of Alabama. She was named head coach at Louisiana-Monroe last September. Photo courtesy of UL-M athletics

Dobie volleyballers make academic all-state



Rachel Smith



Melody Le



Kennedy Nguyen



Taylor Pleasants

Four Dobie High School volleyball seniors, including Rachel Smith, Melody Le, Kennedy Nguyen and Taylor Pleasants, were awarded academic all-state honors through the Texas Girls Coaches Association. To qualify for the honor, student athletes must have possessed a course average of 94 or better throughout the school year.

Five Dobie footballers land collegiate playing opportunities



National signing day proved special for five Dobie High School seniors who made their choices as to where to continue their studies and playing careers Feb. 6. From left, Michael Onozie (9) is headed to the West Texas A&M Buffaloes, while Kris Morris (20) has chosen the Henderson State University Reddies. Darius Jackson (11), Dayleon Eaglin (17) and Jeff McCall (5) will all play at Texas A&T University. Each of the players delivered big contributions as the Longhorns went 7-4 overall in 2018, reaching the postseason for the first time since 2015. Standing behind the players are, from left, Dobie High School principal Franklin Moses and Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy. Photo by Jade Wise

Former Gambler Fitzpatrick to emcee hall of fame event

By Reesha Brown
The Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame has announced that Tony Fitzpatrick, former Houston Gamblers' defensive lineman and University of Houston assistant football coach, will headline the 2019 AHOF induction ceremony April 13, at Phillips Field House.

The Houston Gamblers were one of six expansion teams that competed in the United States Football League in 1984 and 1985, with coaching legend Jack Pardee at the helm and Fitzpatrick as a star defensive lineman.

Once called "the rock of (University of) Miami's defense" by the Hurricanes' head coach Howard Schnellenberger, Fitzpatrick was the third pick in the seventh round (128th overall) of the 1984 USFL

draft. Fitzpatrick became an instant star defensive tackle with the Gamblers, starting all 18 games and recording 13 1/2 sacks, 55 1/2 tackles, 20 assists and a single fumble recovery.



Tony Fitzpatrick

The 6-foot, 260-pound defensive anchor racked up more tackles than any other Gamblers' lineman, earning second team All-USFL by USFL writers and broadcasters in his rookie season.

In 1986, Fitzpatrick signed with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League, where he joined fellow Gamblers' defensive lineman Lloyd Lewis. After only three games, Fitzpatrick returned to Houston to play for the Oilers in 1987, where he suffered a shoulder injury prior to starting his first game.

After his professional career ended, he served as an assistant coach at the University of Houston, and was a regular on sports radio in the Houston area.

Fitzpatrick is one of several celebrated names in sports to emcee for the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame.

Past emcees have included ABC Sports broadcaster Dan Lovett, star quarterback for the Houston Oilers Dan Pastorini, voice of the Houston Astros Larry Dierker, Houston Rockets' play-by-play voice Bill Worrell and Fox 26 sports reporter Nate Griffin.

"We are very excited to have Tony Fitzpatrick headline the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Induction banquet this year," Bill Barmore, Hall of Fame chairman said. "Tony brings a wealth of experience from his successful career as a college and professional football player and coach, and I know that our inductees and guests will enjoy his enthusiastic message."

Tickets for this year's banquet are now on sale at the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation Office, 1515 Cherrybrook Lane, Pasadena, TX 77502. A limited number of tickets are available at \$50 each. Full tables of 10 seats and sponsorships that include tickets are also available on a very limited basis.

The banquet will induct six new members into the Hall of Fame, including:

- Paul Ratliff/Pasadena High School/Class of 1962 - Former Minnesota Twins baseball player.
- Wayne Adams/South Houston High School/Class of 1967 - All-District, All-Greater Houston and All-State Football and track standout.
- Don Key/Pasadena High School/Class of 1956 /head football coach at South Houston High School/ Pasadena ISD Director of Athletics - Texas A&M fullback and linebacker at Baylor University.

For more information, visit the Athletics Hall of Fame webpage: <https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=80772&pageId=191894>.

Christmas-Kelly helped lead the Lady Longhorns to their lone state tournament semifinal appearance.

James "Jimmy" McNeil (deceased)/Pasadena High School/Class of 1947/head football coach at Sam Rayburn - Lamar Cardinals football stand-out/Little All-American.

Bill Newcomb/Pasadena High School/Class of 1956 /head football coach at South Houston High School/ Pasadena ISD Director of Athletics - Texas A&M fullback and linebacker at Baylor University.

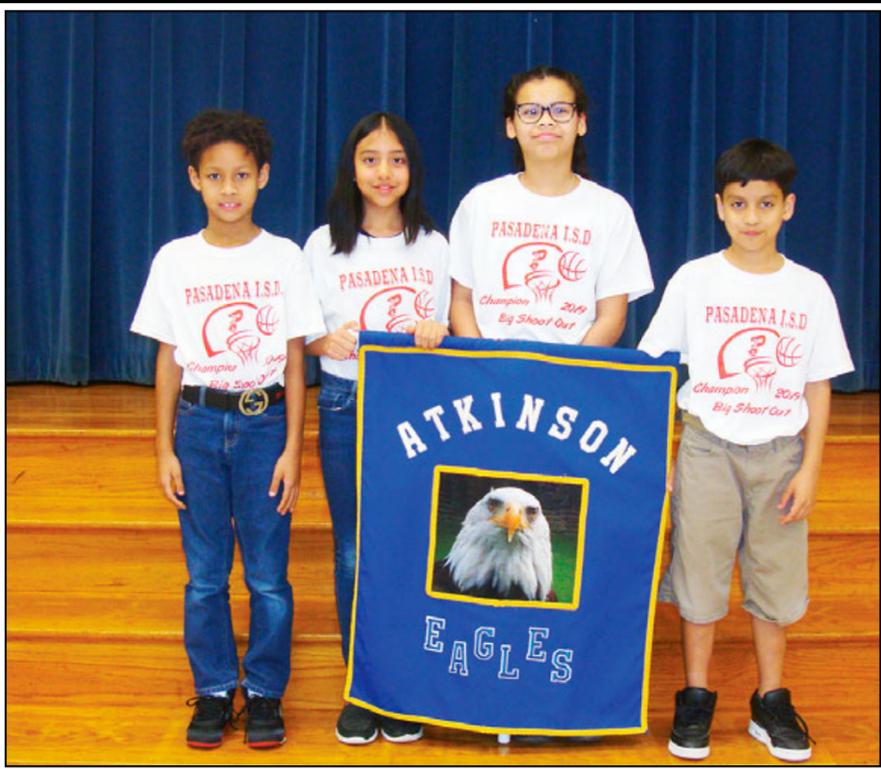
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2019 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame emcee Tony Fitzpatrick was once a star defensive lineman at the University of Miami before playing professionally for the Houston Gamblers and two other organizations. The hall of fame banquet is April 13 at Phillips Field House.

Eagles attend Big Shoot-out at Phillips

Two Atkinson third-grade students and two fourth-grade students emerged as Atkinson Elementary's Big Shoot-Out winners and went on to represent the Eagles at the Pasadena ISD's districtwide competition Feb. 11, at Phillips Field House. Those students from Atkinson included, left to right, third-grader Shane Millender, third-grader Natalie Esquivel and fourth-grade students Madelyn Hinojosa and Jesus Jimenez.



Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 15

Dobie varsity girls vs. Clear Springs, Dawson, 6:00

TENNIS

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16

Dobie varsity at Spring Fling tourn., TBA

SOFTBALL

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 14-16

Dobie varsity at Bryan/College Station tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 16

San Jacinto College at Angelina (2), 2:00

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Dobie varsity hosts Summer Creek, PISD, 6:00

Dobie JV hosts Summer Creek, PISD, 4:30

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 21-23

Dobie varsity hosts Pearland tourn., TBA

SOCCER

Friday, Feb. 15

Dobie varsity boys vs. Memorial, SJC South, 7:30

Brook varsity boys at Clear Lake, 7:00

Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:00

Brook JV girls host Clear Lake

Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:00

Dobie JV boys vs. Memorial, SJC South, 5:30

Saturday, Feb. 16

Dobie varsity girls vs. Memorial, Vet., 2:00

Dobie JV girls vs. Memorial, Auxiliary, noon

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek, 7:00

Brook varsity girls host Clear Creek, 7:00

Brook JV girls host Clear Creek, 5:00

Brook JV boys at Clear Creek, 5:00

TRACK AND FIELD

Friday, Feb. 15

Dobie varsity girls at Brown Relays, Auxiliary, 2:30

Dobie varsity boys at Brown Relays, Auxiliary, 2:30

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Beverly Hills boys/girls at PISD meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Thursday, Feb. 21

Thompson boys/girls at PISD meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

BASEBALL

Monday, Feb. 16

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook scrimmage, 3:00

Brook JV at Sante Fa scrimmage, 6:00

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 21-23

Dobie varsity at Laredo Border Olympics, TBA

Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 28-March 2

Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena ISD tourn., TBA

Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek ISD tourn., TBA

Pasadena ISD Brown Relays Schedule of Events

Friday, Feb. 15, Auxiliary Stadium

2:30 p.m. Field Events

Field Events— 4 jumps/throws- no finals Pole

Vault: Turn in a UIL cert. form

Pole Vault (girls)

Triple Jump (girls/east to west)

High Jump (boys/west end)

Discus (girls) (Across street at Park View)

Long Jump (boys, south to north)

Shot Put (boys) (west end of stadium)

Immediately next: High Jump (girls/west end)

Discus (boys) (Across street at Park View)

Shot Put (girls) (west end of stadium)

Triple Jump (boys/east to west)

Long Jump (girls, south to north)

Pole Vault (boys)

2:30 p.m. Running Events

Distance Medley Relay (girls' final) (1200 – 400 – 800 – 1600)

Distance Medley Relay (boys final) (1200 – 400 – 800 – 1600)

100 m Hurdles (girls prelim)

110 m Hurdles (boys prelim)

100 m Dash (girls prelim)

100 m Dash (boys prelim)

400 m Dash (girls prelim)

400 m Dash (boys prelim)

300 m hurdles (girls prelim)

300 m hurdles (boys prelim)

200 m Dash (girls prelim)

200 m Dash (boys prelim)

4 x 800 Relay (girls final)

4 x 800 Relay (boys final)

Evening Session 6 p.m.

3200-meter Run (girls' final)

3200-meter Run (boys' final)

4x100-meter Relay (girls')

400-meter Relay (boys')

800-meter Run (girls')

800-meter Run (boys')

100-meter Hurdles (girls')

110-meter Hurdles (boys')

100-meter Dash (girls')

100-meter Dash (boys')

800-meter Relay (girls')

800-meter Relay (boys')

400-meter dash (girls')

400-meter dash (boys')

300-meter hurdles (girls')

300-meter hurdles (boys')

200-meter Dash (girls')

200-meter Dash (boys')

1600-meter Run (girls')

1600-meter Run (boys')

1600-meter Relay (girls')

1600-meter Relay (boys')

Dobie tracksters start at Kethans

No one would have blamed them if they simply did not want to go, what with the cold, damp temperatures making for less than ideal track and field weather. But the Dobie contingent made the journey to Deer Park anyway as the Jim Kethan Relays served to kick off the 2019 season for several high school teams across the area.

Individually, junior Dontavion Crosby got off to a strong start, placing second in the triple jump at 38-1 1/2. He also garnered fifth place in the long jump, making his way to the 18-6 mark for fifth place.

In the boys' 3,200-meter run, the Longhorns' Alberto Campa was third with a time of 10 minutes, 29.52 seconds, and Justin Lavinier was fifth for his efforts in the 400 run with a time of 56.21.

Jason Brooks of Dobie was third for a medal in the shot put, throwing the weight 43-5 1/2, and Devon Brown was seventh in the same event with a throw of 40-5 1/2. In the relays, the Dobie boys were third in the 4x200 relay event as combined for the effort at 1:36.03. Also for the Lady Longhorns, Janelle Mooney took sixth with a leap of 29-10 1/2 in the triple jump. Mooney joined in the 4x100 relay for the victory in a time of 52.23, and the Lady Longhorns' 4x200 relay squad placed third at 1:52.88.

Clear Brook hosted its own meet Feb. 8, with many of the schools taking part primarily in relay events due to the weather conditions.

Dobie will now be one of the host schools at the Brown Relays Feb. 15, at Auxiliary Stadium.

Area sports news, notes

Rising Stars Track Club practicing, etc.

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longstanding youth track and field organization, is set to begin practices and registration at Dobie High School. Returning team members are encouraged to join workouts now through February, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track.

The team will also practice each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon until the season begins. Team officials will also accept registration each Saturday in conjunction with the practices. For more information, call head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

Sagemont Cowgirls seek participants

The Sagemont Cowgirls, the official cheer and drill squads for the Sagemont Cowboys, are seeking girls to take part in the program this season. Girls ages 4 to 13 are eligible to join the program, and no previous experience is required. The Cowgirls' final registration opportunity is Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at El Franco Lee Park. For additional information, call drill team director Jemyre Felton at 832-309-7133.

Sagemont Cowboys host final player sign-up

The Sagemont Cowboys of the Bay Area Football League will be on hand Saturday, Feb. 16, as the organization accepts returning player registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

Returning players ages 5 to 12 are eligible to rejoin the Cowboys for the 2019 season. Officials will also accept new player registration Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., also at El Franco Lee Park. For additional information, call team athletic director Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491.

Brook Baseball at La Porte Invite

Feb. 21 Games

Brook vs. Houston Austin at Deer Park, 10 a.m.

Brook vs. Splendora at La Porte, 3 p.m.

Feb. 22 Games

Brook vs. North Shore at Barbers Hill, 10 a.m.

Brook vs. Barbers Hill at Barbers Hill, 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 23 Games

Brook vs. Magnolia at La Porte, 12:30 p.m.

San Jacinto softball beats Ranger twice

The weather was no one's friend on local softball fields the weekend of Feb. 8-10, but that didn't keep San Jacinto College from getting in some competitive tournament action.

In the end of a five-game run at the Yard Dawgs Sports facility in Conroe, the locals came away with a pair of blowout wins over Ranger College, yet suffered blowout losses to Temple and Team

Japan.

San Jacinto is still scoring runs at a quick clip, as evidenced by the 15-7 and 13-5 wins over Ranger as well as a 12-11 loss to McLennan.

In the opening 8-0 loss to Temple, the locals committed three costly errors, including two by losing pitcher Michelle Kristoff, who took the loss despite giving up just two earned runs.

The bats came alive in

the 12-11 loss to McLennan, even as starting pitcher Madelyn Tannery allowed a pair of home runs.

Tannery, however, made her impact at the plate, going 3 for 6 with a triple and three runs scored. Morgan Childs was 3 for 6 with a double and two runs scored. Sam Martinez also got involved with a double.

San Jacinto scored six runs in the sixth inning to help close out Ranger 15-

7, but the locals followed that up with a 9-1 loss to Team Japan as starting pitcher Denisse Gracia allowed six earned runs.

In the finale for SJC, Ashley Ramber, Dominique Gracia and Lillie Grotenhuis all drove in three runs en route to an easy 13-5 win over Ranger.

Childs, Martinez and Ramber all doubled in the win as San Jacinto moved to 6-5 overall this season.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.

10 a.m.
Fun Bunch – for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 or email at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

11:30 a.m.
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. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club – meets monthly on the second Thursday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's – Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real. This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarha shalom.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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.

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-661-4200.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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.

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

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

7 – 10 p.m.
Bay Area Singles Club – monthly dance at 7 – 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, located at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson, 77539. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

7 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association – bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December.) Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. Free. Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter

and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.
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.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 - 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 or email jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together – SALT meetings are 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., in Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.

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.

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Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., in room 110 D (except when library is closed). For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalsoastoastmasters.com/>. 7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200. 7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.
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 details, contact 281-488-5861 or cs@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Road, For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsr@aol.com for details. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, For details, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglanford@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.
Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets the third Tuesday

of the month at 7 p.m. at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). There is no meeting in December. For details, contact Cathy at houstonstskyscrapershadows.org or call 713-332-6294.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7 a.m.
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Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to anyone age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Texas Hill Country and Gulf Coast, April 1 - 4; Cuba Cruise, Nov. 9 - 16; Classical Italy by Rail, Oct. 15 - 24; New York City Holiday, Dec. 6 - 10; and Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play, June 7 - 16, 2020. Plan ahead to join the trips. For more information, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388. 9:30 a.m.
The Community Club - meets monthly on the third Wednesday at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For details, email Jmopry@yahoo.com. 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 or email the director at jpochnsr@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at doverbookkeeper@aol.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for details. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpGivesHugs@gmail.com for details. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For more information, call 713-661-4200.

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Dobie first-year varsity girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman (center) breaks down a situation during a timeout in play during her squad's bidistrict playoff victory over North Shore Feb. 11 at

Deer Park High School. The Lady Longhorns, winners of 22 games this season, will now go against 24-6A champion Clear Springs in the area playoff round Feb. 15, at Dawson.

Photo by Jade Wise



Dobie's Charlee Peters directs the offense during first-quarter play between the Lady Longhorns and North Shore Feb. 11 at Deer Park. It was a tightly contested game the entire way, but the locals

pulled away in the fourth quarter, defeating North Shore in the bidistrict round for the second time in three seasons.

Lady Longhorns reach area round

Clear Springs has been one of the big names in varsity girls' basketball in the Region III ranks for years, making an appearance at the state tournament this decade. But there's also this Dobie program, which has now made its way to three straight area playoff rounds after bouncing North Shore 35-29 Feb. 11 at Deer Park. It also marked Dobie head coach Jasmine Hartman's first postseason win, coming on her first try. All of the fun actually began Feb. 8 as the Lady Longhorns took on Humble in a seeding battle for the No. 3 spot moving forward. With the clock winding down in the fourth quarter, overtime appeared to

be on the horizon, but Dobie's Madison Garrett had other ideas. Launching a 25-foot 3-point try as the buzzer sounded, Garrett sent the Dobie faithful into a frenzy as the ball went through, giving Dobie the 45-42 win and forcing Humble to have to take on undefeated Beaumont United in the first round. What a season it has been to this point for the Lady Longhorns. Hartman was hired last summer to take over the program, meaning she and her staff had to make up some off-season time in a hurry. Welcoming back just three seniors, including Briasia Garza, Destiny Estes and Tonya Montgomery, the Lady Longhorns went to work. Summer Creek and

Atascocita were the clear-cut top teams in 22-6A, but Dobie tied Humble for third place at 11-5. Following the thrilling victory over North Shore, now comes a chance for the Lady Longhorns to make a big statement. Clear Springs is led by former Clear Brook head coach Pam Crawford, who has been the only head coach at Springs while building one of the region's top programs, developing plenty of collegiate talent along the way. But Dobie has now won four straight games and is looking to reach the regional quarterfinals for the first time since 2004. Dobie lost to Clear Creek two seasons ago and to Alief Elsik last season, but this is a new chance for the locals.

Bidistrict Hoops Playoffs
Dobie girls
vs. Clear Springs
Fri., Feb. 15, 6 p.m.
Dawson High School

Details: Dobie reached the area playoffs for the third straight season with a 35-29 win over North Shore in the bidistrict round, while Clear Springs eliminated George Ranch in the same round by a 60-53 count. Clear Springs is the No. 1 seed out of District 24-6A and is now 25-10 this season, while Dobie has gone 21-13 to this point in the season. The winner advances to the regional quarterfinals.



It was cold in Beaumont, but the Dobie tennis group was all smiles after beating Nederland to claim its second straight team championship and fourth in seven years at the Lamar University Ron Wesbrooks High School Invitational. Members of the team are, left to

right, Ronald Nguyen, Erica Hay, Kacy Huerta, Bao Nguyen, Courtney Chung, (middle row) Jennifer Ho, Megan Rodriguez, Julia Bui, (back row) Kevin Dinh, Tristan Pedraza, Kyle Redmon, Luis Neira, Kristy Morales, Sebastian Delgado and Austin Luu.

Dobie netters rule at Wesbrooks

As it had the previous six other seasons, the Lamar University Ron Wesbrooks High School Invitational championship came down to a two-team battle between Dobie and Nederland. In the end, Dobie's Julia Bui made sure the traveling champions' trophy returned to Blackhawk. Bui's exciting 10-7 win in a supertiebreaker against Han Vo of Nederland in the girls' A/B singles final was the difference-maker on paper, but it clearly was a team effort. Dobie placed a team or individual in either the final or semifinal of each bracket, coming up with enough points to win the tournament for the second straight time and fourth time in seven years.

Wesbrooks was Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr.'s coach when the latter played at Lamar University many years ago. Their friendship is special, and Moreno admitted it's always nice to see his Dobie players excel at the annual event in Beaumont. "This was a true team effort," Moreno said. "Coach Wesbrooks is such a great supporter of youth tennis, and he was out there watching the matches the entire time. He's so inspirational and supportive of our kids, so it's always nice to come away with the win. "We won the tournament the first two years and then Nederland won three straight. Now, we've won the last two. It's sort of been a two-team battle to the end every year."

Nederland's Vo was the top seed in girls' A/B singles. After a rough 6-1 first-set loss, Bui responded with a 6-3 second-set win, then won the supertiebreaker 10-7. Dobie's Camille Smith and Gisell Morales reached the semifinals in the same bracket. In boys' A singles, Dobie's Sebastian Delgado won the consolation crown with an 8-6 tiebreaker win over Quan Dinh. The Longhorns' Austin Luu placed second in the boys' B singles draw, and the boys' A doubles was an all-Dobie final. In that one, Kevin Dinh and Ronald Nguyen defeated Kiet Nguyen and Son Truong 8-6 in the final. Kyle Redmon and Tristan Pedraza kept the

fun going for Dobie in the boys' B doubles, beating a duo from Kirbyville in the finals by a 6-2 count. The Lady Longhorn pairing of Courtney Chung and Bao Nguyen claimed second in the girls' A doubles, beating Port Neches Groves before a loss to a solid team from Nederland. In another all-Dobie final, Jennifer Ho and Megan Rodriguez came up with a big 6-4, 3-6, 10-3 win over teammates Kacy Huerta and Erica Hay, with each of Ho and Rodriguez's wins coming via three sets. In mixed doubles, the Longhorns came up with another win as Kristy Morales and Luis Neira teamed for a 7-5, 6-1 win over Nederland, scoring key team points.



Dobie senior Briasia Garza (1) goes over three North Shore defenders during the second half of Dobie's key bidistrict win over the Lady Mustangs Feb. 11 at Deer Park High School. Dobie's 21st win of the season gives the team a chance to go against District

24-6A champion Clear Springs in the area round. Dobie has now made its way to the second round of the playoffs in three consecutive years.

Photo by Jade Wise

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	7	0	0	21
Memorial	7	0	0	21
Kingwood	5	3	0	15
Humble	4	3	0	12
Atascocita	4	3	0	12
Rayburn	2	4	1	7
Pasadena	1	5	1	4
S. Houston	0	6	1	1
S. Creek	0	6	1	1