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Cowboys register Feb. 17, 24

The Sagemont Cowboys will hold returning player registration Saturday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park football field. Returning player registration is open to last year's players and their siblings. New player contact information will be accepted at this time. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. For more information, contact club president, Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353.

AARP offers free tax help

Volunteers from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation at Parker Williams Public Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 16. This service is free and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, 1099-R forms and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Feb. 24. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

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

Frazier offers scholarships

Frazier is offering eight scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications are available at the Dobie senior counselor's office and are due on Wednesday, March 7.

Beltway 8 closures planned

Blackhawk Boulevard will be closed at Beltway 8 from 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, through 5 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. Alternate routes include Beamer and Pearland Parkway.

Two alternate lanes on both the eastbound and westbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Blackhawk to Highway 288 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, Feb. 28.

At least one outside lane of the westbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Southdown Trace Trail to Conklin (just east of the Gulf Freeway) will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Feb. 26. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Atkinson gives scholarships

Atkinson Elementary PTO is offering \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Dobie High who attended Atkinson for at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available at the Dobie senior counselor's office. Applications must be received by noon Wednesday, March 7, to be considered.

SPCIA to meet Feb. 15

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association (SPCIA) will hold a homeowners meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Items on the agenda for the meeting include proposed deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations, and community improvement issues and actions. This meeting is open for all Sagemont Park homeowners and residents.

Knights host blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is hosting a blood drive at St. Luke the Evangelist social hall, 11011 Hall Road, Sunday, Feb. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Val Comeaux, 713-582-5358.

Kirkmont to meet quarterly

The Kirkmont I Homeowners Association's monthly meetings will change to quarterly, as of Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. The March and April monthly meetings will still be held at the Kirkmont MUD building located at 10102 Blackhawk. Any comments or concerns should be submitted to Kirkmont MUD Manager Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

PIP set for Feb. 20

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Judge Jo Ann Delgado, who will speak on consumer fraud. For information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1777.

Abbott promises billions more in federal aid

Local communities struck by Hurricane Harvey may now apply for more than \$1 billion in federal aid, according to Gov. Greg Abbott, who held a press conference at City Hall Tuesday, Feb. 13, alongside Mayor Sylvester Turner and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett.

Approximately half of those funds are available now, Abbott said.

The funds will be in addition to the roughly \$90 billion Congress approved last week for Texas and other states ravaged by the historic storm, which caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage.

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The federal funds are available only for affected cities and counties, not directly to individual victims. Local governments are encouraged to apply for assistance as soon as possible, as allocated funds will be locked-in by the end of August 2018 – the one-year anniversary of Harvey.

The money may be used to cover everything from home buyouts, elevations and short-term housing to drainage projects, reservoirs, detention basins, seawalls and channel improvements, such as the proposed "coastal spine" – a massive

project supported by Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership President Bob Mitchell and several local legislators. Abbott said the revenue should provide funding to complete the spinal study and provide for construction from the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay.

Further, Abbott said an additional \$5 billion in community development block grants that Congress approved in the fall has been placed on a fast-track process by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the state is expected to receive the funds by the end of March. HUD, however, must first approve a plan proposed by the state's General Land Office.

In all, Abbott said Texas will receive "tens of

billions" in dollars of federal aid to assist in rebuilding efforts. The final amount of funds available to the state will be calculated on the first anniversary of the storm's landfall.

While the federal government typically funds only 75 percent of the funding for such mitigation projects (with local municipalities covering the remaining 25 percent of costs), Abbott said it has agreed to cover 100 percent of expenditures in this event.

Abbott encourages affected residents who have already been denied assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue applying for assistance, now that additional funds have been made available.

Turner greets Abbott



Gov. Greg Abbott (left) is shown above on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at a press conference at City Hall, where he promised tens of billions of dollars in additional federal relief to local Harvey victims. The federal funds may be used for everything from providing temporary housing to major endeavors, such as the construction of a coastal spine, to prevent future flooding in the city. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner (right) jokingly said he likes it when Abbott comes to visit the city because he always brings money. Photo by Marie Flickinger

County to move Dixie Farm fill dirt

The Harris County Flood Control District is taking steps to remove approximately 50,000 cubic yards of excavated material that was placed near Clear Creek at a site on Dixie Farm Road north of Blackhawk Boulevard.

The Flood Control District's construction contractor for the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin project received a permit from the City of Friendswood to place material in a location at 2811 Dixie Farm Road. This approval was based on the City of Friendswood's effective floodplain maps showing the privately owned location is not within the floodplain. The City of Friendswood is responsible for regulating development within its jurisdiction.

However, because the Flood Control District believes its own, more restrictive floodplain maps reflect a more accurate floodplain bound-

ary for Clear Creek, the Flood Control District has made the decision to remove the material to a more appropriate disposal site.

"The Harris County Flood Control District contractor is going to remove the material that was placed on the current disposal site and transport it to another permitted disposal site outside the limits of the floodplain," said Matt Zeve, director of operations at the Harris County Flood Control District. "A mistake was made and we are going to correct it."

This decision does not concern the environmental quality of the material taken from the South Belt basin site, which has been previously tested in keeping with state environmental regulations. The concern is material placed within the floodplain, which could present a future flood-

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Powell receives statewide honor

Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD

Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell was recently honored as the 2018 Outstanding Support from a Superintendent for Professional Learning award recipient for the state of Texas. She was recognized by Leaning Forward at the annual Texas Association of School Administrators' mid-winter conference.

The award is given to a superintendent who has demonstrated support for professional learning systems in their school district through the implementation of various initiatives.

"Dr. Powell works collaboratively with the school board to develop standards and policies that promote professional learning and a growth mindset for all district employees," said Traci Goodwin, PISD's director of professional development.

Goodwin said Powell's leadership efforts were instrumental in providing more than 5,000 training opportunities for staff members last school year.

One of these opportunities involved secur-

ing internationally known author and presenter Mike Mattos for a training session in January 2017. Mattos talked to staff about the different approaches to building a collaborative culture for effective school assessments through Professional Learning Communities, also called PLCs, which many campuses have adopted and continued to use.

Powell champions efforts to ensure that every support staff member receives training in his or her respective fields. Some of these development trainings include a week-long academy for police officers and CPR/CPI training for bus drivers.

"Dr. Powell continuously allocates district resources to various professional development opportunities, creating an environment where all employees have access to professional learning," Goodwin said.

Leaning Forward is a professional development organization that teaches members ways to leverage professional learning to ensure students have an equal opportunity to learn at high levels.

Early voting to begin Feb. 20

Early voting for the March 6 Democratic and Republican primary elections in Harris County will be held from Tuesday, Feb. 20, through Friday, March 2. Voting hours are as follows: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 through 23; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 24; 1 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 25; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 26 through March 2.

The closest of the 47 early voting locations in Harris County for South Belt voters include the Harris County Annex, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.; the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane in the Clear Lake area; and the East Harris County Activity Center, 7340 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Harris County voters may vote at any early voting location during the early voting period.

On Tuesday, March 6, residents may only cast their votes in their designated precinct. For additional information, visit harrisvotes.org.

In addition to the contests for governor and lieutenant governor, voters will decide on multiple congressional and legislative seats.

The South Belt area is currently represented in the House by two congressmen: Pete Olson, who is running for re-election in U.S. House District 22, and Gene Green, who is stepping down from his District 29 seat, after serving more than 40 years in public office. Beltway 8 serves as the main dividing line between the two districts. (See related maps Page 6A.)

Republican challengers for Olson's seat in-

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Man shot at store near Edgebrook

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man that took place Wednesday, Feb. 7, at a convenience store in the 9200 block of Clearwood.

According to police, the incident occurred around 11 p.m. in the parking lot of the All in One Food Mart, just west of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook.

Daniel Salazar, 26, and an unknown male got

into an argument when the suspect shot the victim's right foot, police said. The suspect fled the scene in a black Jeep.

Salazar was transported to an area hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department Major Assaults Unit at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

City resumes heavy trash pickup

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department will temporarily suspend city crews collecting Hurricane Harvey storm debris effective Feb. 28.

Contracted storm debris crews will remain in place until further notice. City junk waste/tree waste crews will resume the regularly scheduled heavy trash collections effective March 1.

Mayor Sylvester Turner is proud of the city's storm debris pickup efforts.

"Houstonians should be very thankful and proud of the hard work of their Solid Waste Management employees who worked tirelessly to relieve them of the debris burden and immediate stress created by the ravages of Hurricane Harvey," Turner said. "City debris crews were on the ground immediately after the floodwaters receded and homeowners began their road to recovery."

Solid Waste Director Harry Hayes was also very thankful and proud of the work of the department's employees.

"Houston's Solid Waste team is extremely dedicated to serving its community, especially in their time of extreme need," Hayes said. "Many Solid Waste employees suffered Harvey damage,

but were on the job from day one, ensuring that the community quickly recovered."

• Thursday, March 1, 2018: Regular tree waste schedule resumes

• Monday, April 2, 2018: Regular junk waste schedule resumes

Remember odd months are tree waste and even months are junk waste.

• Tree waste months: January, March, May, July, September and November

• Junk waste months: February, April, June, August, October and December

Harvey storm debris is still being collected. Continue to place debris at the curb. Report uncollected storm debris to the City of Houston 3-1-1 service line.

For more information about the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department and its services, residents may check online at www.houstonsolidwaste.org, like their page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/houstonsolidwaste, follow them on twitter @houstontrash or call 3-1-1, (713-837-0311).

Lariaettes excel at competition



The Dobie Lariaettes and Lasso drill teams excelled at a recent regional competition in New Caney, taking home multiple awards. Lariaette officers (and coach) shown above at the event are, left to right, Lt. Gabriela Ramirez, Maj. Zoe Vela, Col. Adela Alanis, Lt. Col. Aleida Gonzalez, Capt. Jazmin Guerrero and Coach Victoria Armenta. See related story and photos on Page 6A. Photo submitted

Publisher's Opinion

5 months later, things are still a mess for many

The fifth-month anniversary for Hurricane Harvey is coming up, and for many residents, things are even more of a mess for Harvey victims than they were immediately after the storm.

At the *Leader*, we have been trying to wade through (no pun intended) all the information, rules and regulations for those needing to rebuild.

One of the most important concerns is for all City of Houston residents. Permits must be obtained for all flooded homes in the 100-year flood plain.

Next week's issue will outline problems that can be encountered even years down the road if permits are not obtained. This includes not getting paid for future flood insurance, problems selling a house, etc. City permits can be obtained even after the work is done. But don't wait too long.

The cost of permits is cheap enough

Clear Lake Bridge Club plans lessons

Lessons in beginning and advanced duplicate bridge are underway at the Clear Lake Bridge Club located in the heart of Clear Lake City at 16614 Sea Lark. There are also bridge lab classes on Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. each week. Anyone can come to play and there are teachers there to help with bidding and playing the hands.

There are beginners' games on Monday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon starting at 2 p.m. each week. The charge to play is \$6 for club members and \$7 per game for nonmembers. Intermediate games are held on Tuesday and Thursday each week at 10 a.m.

Open games are held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.; Thursday at 2 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. Every Sunday is a team game. For more information, call the club at 281-480-1911, or contact Jim Ochsner, club manager at jfochsner@aol.com.

Will-A-Thon to serve seniors, veterans, disabled

The Houston Bar Association's Elder Law Committee will sponsor a Will-A-Thon to provide simple wills and basic medical directives, free of charge, for senior citizens 60 and over, disabled persons, and veterans of any age who are Harris County residents and meet the low-income guidelines of the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers.

To apply for assistance through the Will-A-Thon, one must call 713-228-0735 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. by March 30 to complete a screening application over the phone.

Those who qualify will be given an appointment to meet with a volunteer attorney on April 4 at the Tidwell Park and Community Center, 9720 Spaulding. The documents will be completed and executed on May 2 at the same location.

PARC hosts annual Souper Saturday

Everyone is invited to the annual World Famous "Souper" Saturday Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., in Pearland. Meet the Republican candidates who are preparing for the 2018 primary election. Enjoy some delicious homemade soups, cornbread and desserts, as well as an enjoyable silent auction bidding. The ticket donation is \$15. For more information, call Pat Smajstrla at 281-435-3097 or Cindy Simpson at 713-501-4123.

Date set for Re-Election Fundraiser

Save the date for the Re-Election Fundraising Reception sponsored by the Host Committee honoring Rep. Garnet F. Coleman. The fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Brennan's of Houston, 3300 Smith Street, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The Host Committee levels start at \$250 and go up to \$10,000. To RSVP or become a host, call Angie Gomez at 713-522-8634 or email garnet.coleman@gmail.com.

CCART schedules meeting in March

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 13. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The program will be provided by the Armand Bayou Nature Center.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

AARP Webster area chapter sets meeting

AARP Webster area chapter 199 welcomes all to join them at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 16, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook. They meet in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.

Everyone is invited to come to the meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months there is also a potluck lunch.

On Friday, March 16, Pat Gavin will entertain the group at 10:30 a.m. after the Chapter business meeting. Gavin plays western songs about Texas while giving the history of western movies. Gavin is the resident cowboy singer at the George Ranch.

This meeting is also a potluck lunch so members and visitors are encouraged to bring a dish to share after the meeting ends.

The AARP Chapter also organizes day trips for AARP Chapter 199 members and their guests by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip is on Thursday, March 8, to Huntsville to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Sam Houston Statue and visitor center. Lunch will be at The Farmhouse Cafe. The following day trip is being arranged at press time.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact Earl Mallett at 281-484-2589 or earlmallett@sbcglobal.net.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m. Book Club: *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett; Saturday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class; Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m. Retro Games; Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m. Family storyline features *Black History Family Story Time*; Tuesday, Feb. 20, 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime; Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime; Wednesday, Feb. 21, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday and Monday, closed; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

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

Tax help is available through tax season in the library meeting room for adults on Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers from the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide are available to assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card and any other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements and other necessary forms. There will be no tax assistance on Good Friday, March 30.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m. Snowflake paper crafting (all ages). Make Houston snow again in the library community room with the project of making paper snowflakes.

Friday, Feb. 16, 5 p.m. Anime Club - *YURI!!! On Ice*, rated TV-14, for ages 14 and older. With the Winter Olympics in full swing, watch the world of figure skating through the award-winning presentation of *YURI!!! On Ice*. Meet in the library community room to see the revival of Yuri Katsuki's figure skating career.

Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10:30 a.m. *Heart Disease and Stroke* presentation by the Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corp. Learn how to identify risk factors for heart disease that can save a life. Registration is requested.

Monday, Feb. 19, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Computer class: Microsoft Word. Learn how to use features of Microsoft Word for business or personal use. Classes are facilitated by a Microsoft Office user specialist. Class meets Mondays through Feb. 26, with each class building on the last. Registration is requested.

Monday, Feb. 19, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering gameplay (ages 8 and older). This is a dueling card game incorporating strategy, mythical lore and competitive-community play. For those who would like to learn how to play, a staff member will be present for instruction. Special thanks go to Strike Zone for the generous donation of the cards.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. *Strategies for Researching Post Civil War African-American Ancestors* presented by Franklin Carter Smith of the Clayton Center for Genealogical Research in Houston. For those interested in learning about family history, Smith brings an expertise to the subject of ancestry. Registration is requested.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

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

Wednesdays, 5 - 6 p.m. Basic computer class.

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

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on any events, call the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Outstanding students of the month

Working with administrators from local Pasadena Independent School District campuses, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce has begun recognizing outstanding area students each month. The first group of students to be honored are pictured below, along with a brief description of why they were selected.



Dobie student Marvin Villatoro Jr. (center) exhibits strong leadership skills, and a good work ethic continually. He is known as being honest, caring and displaying high moral character. Honoring him in the above photo are, left to right, Franklin Moses, Dobie principal; Kay Barbour, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce president; Villatoro, Jennifer Haynes, Dobie counselor; and Alyta Harrell, PISD associate superintendent of campus development.



Atkinson fourth-grader Waleska Palacios (second from right) is recognized as one who is eager to learn, has a great attitude and always gives her best effort in everything she does. She is helpful to other students in her class and to her classroom teachers. She works hard to be proactive and accomplish all tasks at the highest level. She has a positive attitude and a huge heart and goes above and beyond to meet teacher expectations. Shown above are, left to right, Kenny Fernandez, member of chamber and PISD board of trustees; Kristi Koncaba, chamber member and president and COO of Texan Bank; Palacios and Lena Ortiz, Atkinson principal.



Beverly Hills student Kailey Tsikis (center) is an all-around model student who works hard and is a quiet leader on campus. She is dedicated to her studies and is always willing to come early and stay late; doing whatever it takes to make it happen. She has participated in many school activities and organizations including science fair, Name That Book, Pentathlon, BearCo (student council) and is part of the announcements and school news crews. She does all of this without the expectation of recognition - although she deserves it. Shown above are, left to right, Kenny Fernandez member of chamber and board of trustees; Kristi Koncaba, chamber member and president and COO of Texan Bank; Tsikis, Stacey Barber, BHI principal; and Vanessa Shultz, BHI counselor.



Burnett Elementary student Elijah C. Mackey Jr. (second from right) has exemplified Beaver pride by taking leadership to assist students in the morning. He welcomes every student at the entrance of the school every day. He has made connections with younger students in the morning and gives them a high-five as they enter the school. He is also part of the Morning Announcement Team and runs the show on his own with minimal assistance from the adults. He works hard with the team to make sure there are no issues when the announcements go live. He aspires to be a professional basketball player because he says he has skills, and he is a leader on the court. Shown above with Mackey are, left to right, Daren Dibble, Burnett coach; Jae Lee, Burnett principal; and Kay Barbour.

Deaths

Frances June Scarberry



Frances "June" Bennett Scarberry, 83, of Ada, Oklahoma, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018. She was born on June 5, 1934, in Center, Oklahoma, just west of Ada. She graduated from Vanoss Schools in 1950 at the age of 16.

She was the mother of long-time South Belt resident Robert Scarberry.

She married Virgil Scarberry on Nov. 22, 1952. They celebrated 58 years of marriage before his death in May 2011. They had three children: Susan, Robert and Kenneth.

June was preceded in death by her husband, retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Virgil Scarberry; parents Robert and Edith Henry Bennett; and grandson Christopher Hubbard.

Survivors include her children: daughter Susan Shelton and husband Mark of Van Alstyne, Texas; son Robert Scarberry and wife Jannie of South Belt; and son Kenneth Scarberry of Austin, Texas. Surviving grandchildren are:

Cathryn Shelton and husband Marcus of Van Alstyne, Texas; Justin Alleson and wife Nicole of Sherman, Texas; Julia Alleson of Brady, Texas; Jennifer Hayes of Spring, Texas; U.S. Coast Guard IT1 Joseph Hayes; Stacey Flowers and husband Stephen of League City; U.S. Coast Guard IT2 Austin Scarberry and wife Tiffany; and Tyler Scarberry of Houston. Surviving great-grandchildren are Danielle Jenkins, Emma Jenkins, Charlotte "Charlie" Shelton, Caden Shelton, Lane Shelton, Ayden Sanson, Serenity Alleson, Gage Love, Ember Love, Lillie Alleson, Brayden Espinosa, Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno, Kennedy Flowers, Owen Flowers, Evelyn "Evie" Flowers, Jade Scarberry and Lillian "Lily" Scarberry.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Criswell Funeral Home in Ada, Oklahoma, with the Rev. Earl Hood officiating. Interment followed at Swan Hill Cemetery.

Gilbert F. Escobedo

Gilbert F. Escobedo, 75, of Houston, died Saturday afternoon, Feb. 10, 2018, surrounded by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Rosie Escobedo.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Mary Escobedo; daughter Chris Marie Escobedo; daughter Martha Reeder; son Raleigh and Carol Jimenez; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his



brother Mack and wife Marita Escobedo; sister Henrietta Escobedo; sister Josie and husband John Castecka; sister Annie and husband Philip Villalobos; sister Olita and husband John Sanchez; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Gilbert was born in Austin, Texas, June 14, 1942, where he lived until he enlisted into the National Guard in 1961. In 1962, he decided to transfer to the U.S. Army to serve in Vietnam and completed two tours. He was honorably discharged in 1968 and returned to Houston where he created a beautiful life with family and friends. He will be remembered for his love of life, generous spirit, individuality, and the joy he brought to his family and many friends. He was truly one of a kind.

A rosary will be recited on Friday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. at Niday on Beamer. Interment will follow in the Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Application for judicial vacancies announced

U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn announced on Feb. 9 that they are accepting applications for judicial vacancies in Texas. The Senators have established a bipartisan panel of leading attorneys in Texas to help identify the most qualified candidates to fill these vacancies. This panel, known as the Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, will review applications, interview candidates and make recommendations to the senators.

"It is vital that we quickly fill all of these seats with qualified attorneys who have a deep respect for the Constitution and the rule of law," Cruz said. "There are many excellent men and women in Texas

who fit that description and I encourage them all to apply."

"As a former judge and Attorney General of Texas, I understand the importance of ensuring that we have the best people sitting on the federal bench and enforcing the law in Texas," said Cornyn. "I encourage all qualified individuals interested in serving Texas in these roles to submit their information to the review committee."

Cruz and Cornyn invite qualified attorneys to seek appointment by submitting resumes and completed questionnaires to both lawmakers' offices. The questionnaire is available at https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=federal_judicial_evaluation_committee.

Completed application

packets must be received at the email addresses below no later than Feb. 28. Email is strongly recommended because of delays due to security procedures involving Congressional mail. Submitted questionnaires will be reviewed by the Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, and selected candidates will be interviewed.

Questions regarding applications may also be directed to the contacts:

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, FJEC@cruz.senate.gov, Attn: Judd Stone.

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, FJEC@cornyn.senate.gov, Attn: Carter Burwell.

Elected officials share their words

Cruz, Cornyn work with Senate for improved disaster relief bill

On Feb. 8, U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn released the following statements after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced the Senate will soon consider revised disaster relief legislation that includes \$8 billion more in funding available for Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts than the version that passed the U.S. House of Representatives in December: "Texas is working together

to recover and rebuild stronger than ever," Cruz said. "I am committed to working tirelessly to ensure that those Texans still reeling from Harvey's devastating winds and floods receive the aid they are entitled to under federal law. We have already secured more than \$50 billion in emergency funding for storm victims in 2017, coupled with the Cruz-Cornyn-Rubio legislation providing more than \$5.5 billion in targeted tax relief. This latest disaster relief bill is the next step in our State's road to recovery, and I am gratified that John Cornyn

and I have been able to build upon and improve the bill that was sent to us by the House of Representatives to give the state of Texas the resources it desperately needs, including by providing more funding to advance critical Army Corps flood management projects that will help the state mitigate against future flooding events, such as potentially completing a third reservoir in the Houston area."

"While Texans have begun the rebuilding process in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, our state is still in need of resources as we recover from the most extreme rain event in our nation's history," said Cornyn. "I applaud the Texas congressional delegation for taking the first step, and I appreciate Governor Abbott and the Senate Appropriations Committee for working with us to strengthen this bill. Helping Texans recover and rebuild has been my top priority, and I'm urging my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to pass this critical

relief bill as soon as possible."

The Senate version of the disaster relief bill makes key improvements over the legislation that passed the U.S. House of Representatives in December. These improvements include:

- An increase of \$8 billion, from \$81 billion to \$89 billion, in overall funding available for disaster relief including for Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.
- Increased access for Texas to the pool of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funding.
- Additional funding and flexibility to ensure U.S. Army Corps are able to carry out necessary flood mitigation projects in the state, including potentially a third reservoir in the Houston area.
- Funding to help Texas address lingering transportation issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey.
- A seed cotton provision, critical for Texas cotton farmers recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

Olson responds to passing of Bipartisan Budget Act

Rep. Pete Olson issued the following statement on Feb. 9 in response to Congress passing the Bipartisan Budget Act, which includes nearly \$90 billion in funding for disaster relief for events like Hurricane Harvey:

"This funding for disasters like Hurricane Harvey, which happened last August, is long overdue and critically needed," said Olson. "In passing this funding, Congress took an important step in helping Texans impacted by this devastating storm recover. I want to thank my Texas colleagues and our House and Senate leadership for getting this desperately needed funding across the finish line."

Highlights of disaster funding in the Bipartisan Budget Act - Makes nearly \$90 Billion in disaster relief available for those recovering from hurricanes

Ensures Texas will have increased access to Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds.

Ensures that \$15 billion of U.S. Army Corps funding will go directly toward construction in high priority areas impacted by flooding.

Provides flexibility to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow them to carry out necessary projects in Texas.

Extends children's health insurance program longterm

Extends the Children's Health Insurance Program an additional four years beyond the six-year reauthorization passed into law earlier this year.

Authorizes additional funding for community health centers

Reauthorizes the Community Health Center Program for two years and appropriates \$60 million for Community Health Centers to support construction, equipment purchase, operational support and other projects.

Invests in Texas service members and veterans

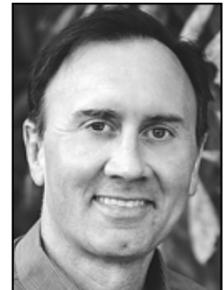
Unwinds sequestration cuts hampering defense efforts. Reduces backlog at the Veterans Administration.

Congressional candidates answer *Leader* questionnaire

Following are the responses to the *Leader's* Primary Election candidate questionnaire. The answers are strictly from the candidates' and have not been edited. The questionnaires are in order as they will appear on the ballot.

22nd Congressional District

Pete Olson
Republican candidate



NAME: Pete Olson
AGE: 55
OCCUPATION: US Congressman
EDUCATION: B.A. Rice Univ., J.D. Univ. of TX
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married, two children

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of the district you're wanting to represent? (100 words or less)

Every day I am committed to serve as the conservative voice of the people of the 22nd District. I'm honored to have their trust to deliver limited government solutions that protect our freedoms, our nation, and a stronger future for our children. I remain unwavering in my commitment to the conservative issues our district supports: lower taxes for families, less government and less regulation, and having the strongest military in the world. My record is clear and I am honored to repeatedly earn the endorsements and strong support from the National Rifle Association, National Right to Life, and pro-growth organizations.

Do you have political experience? (100 words or less)

For ten years, the people of the 22nd Congressional District have placed their faith in me to: fight against the destructive, big-government policies the Obama Administration was attempting to force on our nation; and, deliver conservative solutions that protected our Constitutional rights. I am proud to have helped dismantle many of the Obama-era policies that were strangling growth in our Texas communities and I am equally proud to have successfully passed historic tax reform, increases in military funding, reforms in military funding, reforms and support for our veterans, and stronger border security to crack down on criminal illegal aliens and protect our sovereign soil.

What, if any, endorsements do you have? (50 words or less)

The National Rifle Association, National Right to Life organization, Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert, Brazoria County Sheriff Charles S. Wagner, dozens of mayors, city council members, commissioners, and Republican Party activists from across the three counties that comprise the 22nd District.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? (50 words or less)

I have proudly represented this region for the past ten years in the U.S. House of Representatives. During that time, my office has worked with hundreds of constituents to assist them as they interact with federal agencies like Social Security, the Veterans Administration, or the IRS.

If elected, what would you do to improve the South Belt community? (50 words or less)

One of my top priorities is getting the Clear Creek Army Corps project finally completed. I worked hard to ensure the project would be eligible for completion in the Harvey disaster funding we just approved in Congress. First authorized in 1968, it is past time for this project to be completed for this region. This project is one of the reasons I strongly support pulling Army Corps projects out of the "earmark" definition. They are critical public works projects that Congress should have a say in completion. Additional flood control projects for the South Belt region are top priorities of mine.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected? (50 words or less)

Post-Harvey, our region needs critical upgrades to flood mitigation and flood control projects. We need an expedited process to complete existing Army Corps projects and a streamlined process to complete studies and move projects in the study phase to completion so our region is better equipped to handle the next

storm that comes our way.

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)

Yes, I've worked closely with my Houston congressional colleagues on this. The next hurricane to hit our region may not be a massive flood event like Harvey. We must be prepared. Houston's refineries, energy development and our Ports must be protected in the event of a massive storm surge that could shut down our region. The Army Corps is finishing a study now to determine the best path forward on a coastal spine. I look forward to the final report and working with my colleagues at the local, state and federal level to implement their recommendations with local consensus.

The topic of immigration reform is currently a hot-button issue. What are your positions on the issues of DACA recipients, or DREAMers; President Trump's proposed border wall; so-called chain migration; and the existing "lottery" system? (150 words or less)

DACA kids should not be allowed to become U.S. citizens as this would only encourage other parents to come to our country illegally. I could support a path to legal status after paying fines, undergoing background checks, and ensuring they have no criminal history. Chain migration and the VISA lottery system have both proven to be programs that have been exploited by terrorists -- we need to end them immediately. I have always, and will continue to support using walls, increasing our number of border patrols, and new technology to help lock down our border and protect our country.

What changes, if any, would you make to the existing Affordable Care Act? (100 words or less)

I am committed to helping expand access to affordable healthcare. However, Obamacare is not the solution. It hurts small businesses, limits doctor choices, and increases premiums. We need free-market reforms that focus on patient-centered, affordable care. Our Republican plan will provide a refundable tax credit to help buy health insurance in the individual market, allow you to buy insurance across state lines and allow small business and individuals to band together to purchase affordable coverage like large companies do.

Do you support the idea of sanctuary cities and what would you do if the Trump administration attempted to retaliate by blocking federal funds for such cities? (100 words or less)

America's broken immigration system is made worse by cities that enact so-called sanctuary city policies which create a safe haven for illegal alien law breakers. These cities ignore immigration laws and refuse to report criminal aliens to federal immigration officials. Instead, they are on the streets, endangering our communities. I've cosponsored bills to withhold federal funds from sanctuary cities.

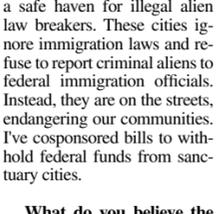
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Education is the backbone of success. It gives our children the tools they need to become successful adults to our communities. Because every student is different, education should not be a one-size-fits-all federal mandate that ties the hands of teachers and parents. Our constitution rightly placed authority over education decisions to states and localities who know best what tools they need to educate their students. In recent years, this local control has been taken away by an overreaching federal government. I support fully restoring this control to the states and eliminating the Department of Education.

Do you support the legalization of marijuana for medical reasons or recreational use? (100 words or less)

No, I do not support legalization of marijuana.

Mark Gibson
Democratic candidate



NAME: Mark Gibson
AGE: 54
OCCUPATION: Chairman, Wells Funeral Services
EDUCATION: BBA, MIS, University of Houston; Master in Strategic Studies (MSS), U.S. Army War College; JD, South Texas College of Law
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Widower, 3 Children (Christian, recent graduate from Texas Tech University; Peyton, Sophomore, Sam Houston State University; Mallory Gibson, Junior, RidgePoint High School)

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of the district you're wanting to represent? (100 words or less)

I am the only Democrat Candidate who can defeat Pete Olson and the Republicans in the Fall. With 30 years of military service, strong legislative experience, small business owners, one of two who lives in the District and perhaps the only candidate who has a voting record in Congressional District 22.

Do you have any political experience? (100 words or less)

Yes, I am the only candidate who has won the Democratic Primary, winning 77% of vote in 2016.

What, if any, endorsements do you have? (50 words or less)

Church of God In Christ (COGIC) and other individual endorsements.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? (50 words or less)

Part of the South Belt in Congressional District 22 (Harris County portion)

If elected, what would you do to improve the South Belt community? (50 words or less)

Ensure the key issues facing the citizens of the South Belt community are addressed from fair wages, education funding, social security protection, clean air, union support, and health care improvements (Medicare, Medicaid, ACA)

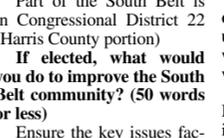
What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected? (50 words or less)

Bring \$1B to District 22 in flood control improvements.

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)

Would support the legalization for medical reasons, not recreational. However, for recreational, the penalties should remain at the civil level, not criminal. The Texas Medical Board could provide the appropriate oversight and governance for physicians and authority to administer marijuana.

29nd Congressional District
Jaimy Z. Blanco
Republican candidate



NAME: Jaimy Z. Blanco
AGE: 35
OCCUPATION: Real Estate Investor/ Property Management
EDUCATION: Bachelor in Ministerial Studies
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married / 0

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of the district you're wanting to represent? (100 words or less)

I grew up in the district. My mother, Rafaela, was born in Mexico and immigrated to Texas in 1966. She became a US citizen and worked as a Barber. My father was born in Westlaco, TX and worked as a machinist and is a chairman at the United Steelworkers Labor Union.

Do you have any political experience? (100 words or less)

Attended TFRW (Texas Federation of Republican Women) Leadership training. Ran as an RNC delegate candidate at 2016 Republican State Convention in Dallas, Volunteered at the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, Campaigned on behalf of State Representative Gilbert Pena District 144, Phone banked and block walked with HCRP offices in Clear Lake and Pasadena, Represented Bay Area Republican Women Standing Committee as Publicity Chair, Member of the Hispanic Committee for the Republican Party of Texas

What, if any, endorsements do you have? (50 words or less)

Texas Asian Republican Club

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? (50 words or less)

Yes, I own rental properties in the South Belt community.

If elected, what would you do to improve the South Belt community? (50 words or less)

Foster an environment that creates a thriving, growing economy. It's time to invest in the district. We want our people to have safe roads and neighborhoods. I will work with HUD to open investment opportunities to businesses and residents so they can be a part of the change we bring.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected? (50 words or less)

Shrink Government. Grow the Economy. We need to shrink government so our economy can grow and thrive. We must dramatically eliminate regulations and government spending. We need to promote more small business creation in order to create more good paying jobs.

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)

I support the coastal spine project and will join Senator John Cornyn and Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, in working to secure federal funding for project. Supporting the project means that our coastline will be less exposed, when natural disasters strike our region. This preventative measure would relieve stress on local, state, and federal emergency response funds, in perpetuity. It's easier and cheaper in the long run, to take a vaccine, instead of dealing with a chronic illness for life.

The topic of immigration reform is currently a hot-but-

ton issue. What are your positions on the issues of DACA recipients, or DREAMers; President Trump's proposed border wall; so-called chain migration; and the existing "lottery" system? (150 words or less)

We need comprehensive immigration reform, not amnesty. DACA needs to be fixed legislatively. I support finding ways for them to become legal U.S. citizens so they can enroll in college, find legal employment, pay taxes, and serve in the military. I believe in them having a path forward, where the speed of a person's path is based on meritocracy.

Do you support the idea of sanctuary cities and what would you do if the Trump administration attempted to retaliate by blocking federal funds for such cities? (100 words or less)

I don't support sanctuary cities. I would support blocking normal funding to those cities. However, I would want to propose fully restricted funding, to insure that the law abiding citizens of that city do not suffer, because of their city's leadership. This way the city government is being punished, but their lawful citizens are not.

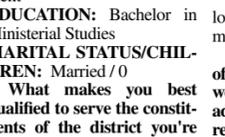
What do you believe the role of charter schools should be in public education, and what role should the federal government vs. the states have in oversight and accountability for school districts? (100 words or less)

Education is a priority to our families. I will fight for school choice. Parents should have the right to decide where to send their children to school whether public, private, church, charter, online or homeschool.

Do you support the legalization of marijuana for medical reasons or recreational use? (100 words or less)

I would consider for medical use only.

Phillip Aronoff
Republican candidate



NAME: PHILLIP ARONOFF
AGE: 72
OCCUPATION: CONSULTANT
EDUCATION: BACHELORS UNIV. OF HOUSTON
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: MARRIED 50 YEARS WITH 3 CHILDREN AND 3 GRANDCHILDREN

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of the district you're wanting to represent? (100 words or less)

I have been involved in Harris County and Texas politics for almost 40 years. I have served at all levels of government. City government as President of Access Houston, the municipal television station. I have served the county on the board of the Harris County Housing Authority. I have served the state as the Chairman of the Purchasing and General Services Commission. I have served the nation as the Honorary Consul General for Hungary in Texas. All of this experience is brought into preparing me to represent District 29 most effectively in Congress. I am not a career politician having never run for office before.

Do you have any political experience? (100 words or less)

I have managed many political campaigns with the most significant being George W. Bush's first campaign for Governor. I have worked in many campaigns in other capacities.

What, if any, endorsements do you have? (50 words or less)

None

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)

I will be certain the community is heard in the halls of Congress as their vociferous advocate.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected? (50 words or less)

Restructure entitlements to avoid losing them for future generations.

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)

I would NOT support an Ike Dike. The dike would not protect the seawall where the Ike surge flooded the island. To put the dike at the entrance to Galveston Bay will cost billions of dollars to protect the shores of the bay which suffered no significant damage from the surge that devastated Galveston island. We must find a way to improve the sea wall to protect the island.

The topic of immigration reform is currently a hot-button issue. What are your positions on the issues of DACA recipients, or DREAMers; President Trump's proposed border wall; so-called chain migration; and the existing "lottery" system? (150 words or less)

DACA is an illegal action taken by the former president. My goal in Congress is to fight in Congress to make it legal for these people to stay in the United States and continue their productive lives. My goal is to enable those who want to come here and work and join our society to easily obtain visas as long as there are jobs for them. The reason people have to sneak into the country is because they cannot get here legally. My goal is to enable them to get here legally with the ability to return to their homes as often as they wish. Never again should young me have to die in the back of a sealed truck van in the pursuit of work to feed their families.

What changes, if any, would you make to the existing Affordable Care Act? (100 words or less)

I would get the government out of the contracts between patients, their doctors and their insurance providers. The distortions to the health care delivery from the ACA will devastate the future of medical advancements in this country. With government clinics and hospitals for those without insurance, everyone had health care available to them before ACA and we should return to that system.

Do you support the idea of sanctuary cities and what would you do if the Trump administration attempted to retaliate by blocking federal funds for such cities? (100 words or less)

If we are a nation of laws then sanctuary cities are outlaws. We fought a Civil War over nullification of Federal laws. If we are not a nation of laws then people coming here for freedom would just stay home in their corrupt countries. They come here because laws rule our interactions not the whim of a leader.

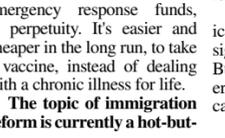
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Charter schools give the parents the right to control their children's education rather than bureaucrats. By charter school if the money for each student goes to the student and not the entrenched school system then this is the quickest and best way to fix the schools. I believe that the parents have a better understanding of what's best for their children than self-anointed people who believe parents are not competent to manage their children's education

Do you support the legalization of marijuana for medical reasons or recreational use? (100 words or less)

I want to wait to see how the experiments work out in Colorado, California and the other states that have legalized marijuana usage. From early reports it appears to create more problems than its solving.

Tahir Javed
Democratic candidate



NAME: Tahir Javed
AGE: 51
OCCUPATION: President & CEO of Riceland Healthcare System
EDUCATION: Bachelor of Economics
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married with 4 Children

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)

As someone who came to this country with little to nothing, built businesses in manufacturing and healthcare, and created good paying jobs for our employees, I feel I am uniquely qualified to help my community. Some of our biggest issues—access to affordable and quality healthcare, living wage paying jobs, cleaner environment, a great education for our youth—are things centered around what I know how to create, which are resources, and opportunity.

Do you have any political experience? (100 words or less)

While this is my first time running for office, my involvement in politics and the Democratic Party is extensive. I was instrumental in helping elect the first African-American Sheriff in Jefferson County, Zena Stephens, as well as many other locally elected officials. I have also raised millions for progressive candidates and their causes.

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Trump and the Republican

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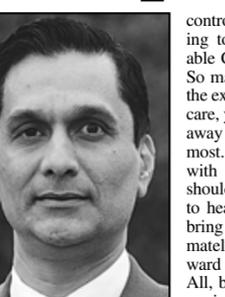
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Gonzalez recognized



Stuchbery Elementary honored fourth-grader Luis Gonzalez as Student of the Month for January in recognition of his accomplishments. He is co-president of the student council, an honor roll student and was named Stuchbery's Mathematician of the Month for January. Gonzalez exhibits leadership characteristics by directing the camera/media crew for the morning news broadcast and by his willingness to continually help in many situations. He is known as one who can always be counted on to do the right thing.

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 Payten 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 chair of the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off.

HAPPY TENTH BIRTHDAY, JADE!
Special happy birthday wishes are sent to Jade Elizabeth Scarberry who turns 10 years old Sunday, Feb. 18. Hugs and kisses are sent to her from dad Austin, wife Tiffany and little sister Lily Scarberry; mom Nicole Scarberry; grandparents Jennie and Robert Scarberry of South Belt; 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.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 15 through Feb. 21.

Atkinson Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Ludivina Perez Feb. 17. Sing a happy birthday song to Norma Flores Feb. 21.

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. Maria Rodriguez celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

Moore Elementary
The day for a party for Ashley Evans is Feb. 18.

South Belt Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 19 is Amber Morris.

Meillo Middle School
Feb. 21 is the day for Wanda Soto to enjoy a wonderful birthday.

Roberts Middle School
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 15 is Angela Avera. Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 17 to Maritza Duron. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 18 is Jennifer Saldivar.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send birthday wishes Feb. 15 to Barbara Henderson.

Thompson Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles for Sandra Garza Feb. 15. Sing a happy birthday chorus Feb. 19 to Yolanda Robinson. Marking a birthday Feb. 21 is Melissa Prestridge.

Dobie High
Andrew Kirkpatrick enjoys a birthday Feb. 15. Sharing a birthday Feb. 16 are Elizabeth

Puente, Samantha Poullard and Willard Joiner. The day for a birthday cake for Dendy Farrar and Veronica Gonzalez is Feb. 20.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Feb. 15: Mark Wilson, Laura Allison, Gene Cearnal and Kelley Huebner; Friday, Feb. 16: Yvonne Rojas, Linda Soria, Danielle Yvningham, Mary Nell Dees, Rhonda Stallbaumer, Sharla Fults and Lisa Fernandez; Saturday, Feb. 17: CaShaune Murphy, Jeannie Nelson, Monica Gonzales, Dawn Armstrong, Jeri Joslin, Donn Reichelt, Russell Janacek and Susan Slater, Sunday, 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; Monday, Feb. 19: Jason Minck, Dalaina Rounsavall-Harris, Patricia Doran and Ryan Mint; Tuesday, Feb. 20: Paul Brantly, Heidi Samford, Judy Lucadou-Dooly and Jamie Baggett; and Wednesday, Feb. 21: Michael Gabbard, Vonda Byars, Kellie Nelson and Richard Salinas.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

PISD Hall of Fame tickets on sale now

Tickets are now on sale for the sixth annual Pasadena Independent School District Athletics Hall of Fame Induction banquet set for April 14 at Phillips Field House.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the Pasadena ISD Athletics Office, 2906 Dabney, on the west side of the field house. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Table sponsorships are also available for the event, which is limited to 360 seats. Sponsorship opportunities are divided into Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. Platinum level members have the opportunity to sponsor an inductee and receive priority seating for \$5,000. The Platinum package also includes 10 banquet tickets, full table and advertisement opportunities.

Sponsorship opportunities
Platinum: \$5,000 - Includes priority seating at a full table, 10 banquet tickets, exclusive sponsorship for one Hall of Fame inductee, opportunity to present award to inductee, a full-page program advertisement and additional recognition during the ceremony.

Gold: \$2,500 - Includes 10 banquet tickets, full table, a half-page program ad and other rewards.

Silver: \$1,000 - Includes six banquet tickets.

Bronze: \$500 - Includes four banquet tickets.

A portion of the proceeds will be used to fund senior scholarships and provide for other athletics-related needs in Pasadena ISD.

The banquet has continually sold out for the past several years, attracting some of the greatest high school and college standouts. This year's inductee line-up will include:

Allen Brown, deceased, Pasadena High School track coach; Nikki Cockrell, Rayburn High School softball player, Class of '94; Bobby Crenshaw, deceased, Pasadena High School all-state lineman, Class of '59; LaToya Davis, South Houston High School basketball player, Class of '02; Bruce Dowdy, former Red Raiders' defensive

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UHCL sets calendar

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

Dailey & Vincent to bring bluegrass, folk to Bayou Theater
Recently featured in *Rolling Stone* magazine, two-time Grammy nominee Dailey & Vincent brings a unique mix of country, folk, gospel and bluegrass music to the Bayou Theater Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The duo has garnered multiple awards for their work, including *Entertainer of the Year* by the International Bluegrass Music Awards. Presale tickets for the performance are \$26 for adults and \$13 for students. At the door, tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Purchase tickets online at www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

Friday Morning Continuing Education talks food and culture
Everybody eats. Learn about social and cultural connections to food around the world, and social experiences of being an "outsider" in the Friday Morning Continuing Education classes on Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building at University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Members pay a one-time membership fee of \$26 and \$18 for each class. The membership fee includes class materials, borrowing privileges at the UHCL library and discounts at the UHCL Bookstore and Patio Café. Parking permits are available in the Bayou Building, room 1618 for \$5. To register, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce.

Career Week: On-the-spot résumé reviews, practice interviews
If one is a UHCL student or an alumnus, get useful tips on improving one's résumé with a one-on-one review by University of Houston-Clear Lake Career Services staff as part of Career Week events.

On-the-spot résumé reviews are available Feb. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. in Atrium I of the Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

On Feb. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. in the Forest Room of the Bayou Building, get ahead on the job search and target one's résumé to help land the ideal job with a review by employers.

For practice interviews with employers, come to the Student Services and Classroom Building, room 3109 on Feb. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m. Register in advance for a mock interview by calling UHCL Career Services at 281-283-2590.

CCISD night for students, parents, teachers at UHCL
Clear Creek Independent School District students, parents, teachers and administrators can learn more about what University of Houston-Clear Lake has to offer at CCISD night, Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The free event is an opportunity to mingle with faculty and staff, listen to "TED Talk"-styled research presentations and tour the UH-Clear Lake campus. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Garden Room of UHCL's Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Light refreshments will be served.

To register, visit www.uhcl.edu/admissions/events/ccisd-night.

CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor nomination window open

On Feb. 7, in the Clara Creek Independent School District Challenger Columbia Stadium press box, a league of extraordinary leaders and coaches in CCISD met to officially kick off the 2018 Athletic Hall of Honor nomination window, and for a little reminiscing while they were at it.

As Clear Creek ISD turns 70 this year, the gathering served as a timely opportunity to revisit the long list of outstanding athletes who made their mark in CCISD, at the collegiate and even professional levels, and on their communities. The CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor was created in 2016 for the distinct purpose of recognizing these exceptional athletes and alumni.

The group of former CCISD coaches in attendance included Bill Krueger (Creek and Lake, basketball, 1966-1995); Buddy Carlisle (Creek, basketball, 1976-2006); Jerry Foster (Creek and Lake, tennis, 1972-1993); Dub Kelly (Creek, football, basketball and baseball, 1955-1970); Pud Williams (Webster HS, Creek and Lake, basketball, football and golf, 1966-1997); RC Bailey (Creek and Lake, football, baseball and track, 1966-1990); Boyd Sylstine (Creek, Lake, Brook, basketball, 1962-1997); Lanny Landtroop (Creek and Lake, swim, 1968-1980); Ron Alhorn (Webster, and Lake, football and baseball, 1972-1981); Jim Mallory (Creek and Lake, football and baseball, 1978-2011); Terry Farrell (Lake, basketball, 1981-2008); Dede MacPherson (Creek, soccer, 1982-2008); and Bill Daws (Creek, football and track, 1985-2014 and former CCISD Director of Athletics). Former CCISD teacher, principal, school board trustee and member of the Athletic Hall of Honor or Board of Directors, Ralph Parr, was also at the kickoff.

The memories were flowing at the reunion including tales of Krueger's 1966 basketball state championship that got away (he and his Falcons would later claim the prize in 1989) and Landtroop's 10 state championships in swimming that earned the coaching legend a spot in the Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame.

Athletic Hall of Honor Chairman Dr. Lynn Davis and CCISD Director of Athletics Debbie Fuchs thanked the group for their contributions to CCISD and supporting the Athletic Hall of Honor.

"I am privileged to be in this room with such a distinguished class of individuals who paved the way in CCISD athletics," said Fuchs. "You are the pioneers who began the traditions of molding our students' talent and character so that they could be all that they could be in their sport and in life."

Davis and Fuchs encouraged the coaches to help spread the word that nominations are now being accepted for the Class of 2018 Athletic Hall of Honor.

This is the first year that Clear Lake High School athletes may be considered for the elite award. Due to the high volume of worthy alumni, the Athletic Hall of Honor committee seeks nominations that encompass a specific era, each year gradually adding in CCISD schools in the order they began. For the first two years of the program, the Athletic Hall of Honor recognized athletes from Webster High School and Clear Creek High School, the first high schools in CCISD.

For the current 2018 nomination window, the nominee must have been a graduate of Webster High School, Clear Creek High School or Clear Lake High School between the years of 1948 and 1982.

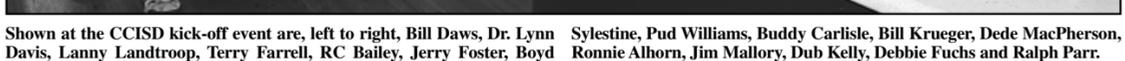
Anyone may nominate an Athletic Hall of Honor candidate. The nomination package should include the nomination form, a letter(s) of recommendation, and any relevant supporting materials such as newspaper clippings, statistics and photographs.

The deadline is May 1 for nominations to be received at the following address:
CCISD Director of Athletics, Debbie Fuchs
CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium
1955 W. NASA Blvd.
Webster, TX 77598

2018 Athletic Hall of Honor nomination form
To access the nomination form and more information on requirements for induction as well as other guidelines regarding the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor, visit <http://www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=10996373>.

2017 Athletic Hall of Honor inductees
To view the names of 2017 Athletic Hall of Honor or class as well as a photo gallery and video from the awards ceremony, visit <http://www.ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=2837020>.

Sponsor information
For alumni, businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring the 2018 Athletic Hall of Honor Awards ceremony, visit <http://ccisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=645487&pageId=22233232>.



Shown at the CCISD kick-off event are, left to right, Bill Daws, Dr. Lynn Sylestine, Pud Williams, Buddy Carlisle, Bill Krueger, Dede MacPherson, Davis, Lanny Landtroop, Terry Farrell, RC Bailey, Jerry Foster, Boyd Ronnie Alhorn, Jim Mallory, Dub Kelly, Debbie Fuchs and Ralph Parr.

Family Fun Fest offers business expo space

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber's annual Family Fun Fest will be held Saturday, March 24, from 3:30 to 8 p.m.

This year's family-friendly event will again include Strut Your Mutt, Twilight 1K and 5K Run Fest, Operation Kidsafe fingerprinting, inflatables, games, contests, Easter egg hunt, food trucks and concessions, demonstrations and exhibitions.

New this year is Touch A Truck South Belt, where kids of all ages can see and touch some really cool trucks.

For this event to be successful, there needs to be support from chamber members who are able to be sponsors for the Fun Fest or promote their business through a free informational booth.

Members may also volunteer or register to participate in the events. There will be a need for cakes and cookies for the cake walk and trucks for the Touch a Truck South Belt.

Members can also help with promotional items for the "store" where kids can spend their tickets. Judges and a lead person will also be needed for Stut Your Mutt.

To register for an exhibition booth, visit the website https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1it_2109Q5Ow2s0Wr1JqBDBpNe2v5dQEKA7KUXpaXgs/viewform?edit_requested=true.

To register for the Strut Your Mutt and 1K or 5K run/walk, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/3rdAnnualStrutYourMuttFamilyFunFest>. Contact Kay Barbour at 281-481-5516 for more information.

SJC announces briefs

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar briefs.

Spring 2018 registration
Registration for the spring 2018 semester is open. Payment is due upon registration. For more information on steps to register, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

University of Houston transfer recruiter
A University of Houston transfer recruiter will be at the North campus on Monday, Feb. 19, and Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Building 9 lobby. For more information, contact James Simpson at jsimps2@centraluh.edu.

Baseball vs. Western Texas College
The San Jacinto College baseball team will face Western Texas College on Saturday, Feb. 17 at noon. All home games are played at the North campus at the John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park and are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Men's basketball vs. Coastal Bend College
The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will face Coastal Bend College on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. All home games are played at the Central campus in Anders Gymnasium, Building 18 and are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Women's basketball vs. Coastal Bend College
The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will face Coastal Bend College on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m.

All home games are played at the North campus in Nichols Gymnasium, Building 16 and are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Community Education Center events
The San Jacinto College Central Campus Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena in Building 1, room C-1.108. The San Jacinto College North Campus Community Education Center is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Building 2, room N-2.112.

The Community Education Centers will host the following February workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, call 281-478-2786 or email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

The Stretching and Relaxation class is Feb. 16 from noon to 1 p.m.

The Healthy Heart Workshop and Screenings are Feb. 20 from noon to 1 p.m.

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
Two Pasadena men were arrested and charged in the felony theft of twelve Doberman Pinscher puppies.

Over a period of a couple of weeks, South Belt residents were plagued by nighttime visits from cows and bulls.

35 years ago (1983)
Demolition on four South Belt gas stations began. The demolition was contracted by the state highway department to clear land for the proposed South Belt.

Bank statements were stolen from several residents of Sagemark Street. The thieves then bilked several local banks for hundreds of dollars.

30 years ago (1988)
A year after a federal judge handed a discrimination ruling against the Pasadena Independent School District, the prosecutor in the case said the district is doing "very well" in complying with the judge's order to actively recruit African-American teachers.

Meador Elementary celebrated its 25th anniversary.

25 years ago (1993)
The Park & Pool lot near Fuddrucker's was on schedule to open within six months, but the proposed much larger Park & Ride was on hold. The hold was the result of Metro conducting a study on a Clear Lake commuter rail line.

As a manager of the Apple Tree grocery store on Hughes Road approached a shoplifter, the man pulled a knife before fleeing.

A Sagemeadow resident was stabbed to death inside his home on Sagespen. Several suspects reportedly kicked in the front door then handcuffed the resident before stabbing him. An undisclosed amount of marijuana was taken from the home; however, approximately 16 pounds were left.

20 years ago (1998)
A former South Belt resident was found shot to death in the trunk of a car. Owners of a business in South Houston called police after noticing blood on a car in their parking lot. No motive for the shooting was known.

A motorcyclist attempting a left turn on Beamer at Beltway 8 suffered injuries to his leg after striking a van.

15 years ago (2003)
Faye Sansom and daughter Crystal got a sudden fright when a gas explosion set their home on Raming Trail on fire.

Billy Lee Arlen, 58, of Sagemark, was arrested and charged with indecency with a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child under the age of 14.

A man was killed in an automobile accident when his car struck the back of another vehicle while westbound on Beltway 8. Navid Seynaffipour, 42, was near the entrance ramp to the beltway just west of Beamer when he rear-ended a trailer attached to another vehicle. His car then rolled over before coming to a stop. Seynaffipour was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Clear Creek Independent School District's School Boundary Advisory Committee announced it had revised its recommendations regarding the transfer of Weber Elementary students. Revised plans called for students who reside in Ashley Pointe to remain at Weber, while students who reside in College Place were to attend North Pointe Elementary.

Early voting for the primary elections began in Harris County, and voters showed up in record numbers. On the first day to cast an early vote, 9,233 people voted in the Democratic primary, while 2,914 people voted in the Republican primary. By comparison, in the previous presidential primary election in 2004, 849 Democrats cast their vote on the first day of early voting, while 678 Republicans voted.

5 years ago (2013)
A former math teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate School was arrested and charged with five felony counts, the result of an investigation into allegations she was engaged in improper relationships with four students, all then enrolled in high school. LaShawn Simmons, 41, had resigned her position the previous month in lieu of termination. The five charges included one count of sexual assault of a child under 17, a second-degree felony. She was also charged with two counts of engaging in an improper relationship between an educator and a student, also a second-degree felony. The two other charges filed against Simmons - online solicitation of a minor and possession of child pornography - were both third-degree felonies. The students, two adults and two juveniles, were all enrolled at J. Frank Dobie High School.

1 year ago (2017)
The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees called for a \$487 million bond election to take place Saturday, May 6. The measure will allow the district to build new schools or permanently increase the capacity of existing schools due to overcrowding; re-

Stringer speaks to NASA Aglow

Everyone is invited to hear Pastor Marilyn Stringer at NASA Aglow on Thursday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow meets at Praise Chapel and is excited to have Stringer, a servant of the Lord, who travels frequently to fulfill her calling.

Stringer is an anointed teacher and prophetess and operates in a supernatural realm of faith; many miracles, signs and wonders follow her ministry.

The Master's House where she pastors has been a home church for more than 15 years. There she holds weekly worship meetings and services.

Stringer felt she was called to travel to Israel more than 10 years ago and has returned numerous times, including this year for the 70-year anniversary of the March of the Nations.

She has been a regular speaker at Aglow meetings in Texas and church events. For many years Stringer went to more than 25 units of different prisons in Texas as well as praying for the sick at The Healing Rooms and ministering in homeless women's shelters and children's orphanages.

NASA is part of Aglow International, a worldwide group of God-seeking women in 177 countries. The group meets for prayer at 10 a.m. the first Thursday of every month; on the second Thursday the group has a speaker or other event at Praise Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. From I-45 south, take NASA Road 1 east to Highway 3 and turn left. The church is on the left about one block. Call Rhonda Baronne at 281-797-4512 for more information.

NOTICE

Dr. Ken Hollis (Baychoice Bariatric Center) announces the closure of his surgical practice March 8, 2018.

Medical records can be obtained by signing a release of information form which includes requested records, to whom the records are to be released and receiving provider, fax and phone number.

On March 8, 2018, Texas Laparoscopic Consultants will be custodian of records. They may be contacted at (713)493-7700 or at www.tlcsurgery.com

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Schneider earns 2017 CREST award

Rick Schneider Middle School has been named a 2017 CREST award recipient for excellence in school counseling.

The Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas award recognizes schools that demonstrate a commitment to the academic, personal/social and career development of their students.

Schneider is among 70 campuses across the state of Texas to be selected for the award. The winners will be honored during a banquet at the Texas School Counselor Association's Conference in Galveston on Feb. 20.

Accepting the honor on behalf of Schneider Middle will be counselors Danielle Knight and Maricela Escamilla, who were instrumental in enhancing the counseling program at their school.

"Our counselors are true advocates for children and families," Kristin Still, Schneider principal said. "Danielle and Maricela have weekly student counseling groups to address issues ranging from divorce, trauma, self-esteem and bullying. They work passionately and energetically to make Schneider a positive and safe environment for children to thrive."

The CREST program focuses on 10 areas that have the greatest impact on students, including principal's support, the school counseling advisory council, school climate and safety, student results, major achievements, community partnerships and resources, and parent collaboration.

A guidance support team prepares a document highlighting these areas, which reflects how the counseling program helps students succeed. The document is submitted to reviewers across the state of Texas to be judged according to state standards of excellence.

"I am so proud of Danielle Knight and Maricela Escamilla and Schneider Middle School for earning this achievement," Still said.



Rick Schneider Middle School earned the 2017 Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas award for excellence in school counseling. Shown are, left to right, Danielle Knight, counselor; Kristin Still, principal; and Maricela Escamilla, counselor.

Photo by Reesha Brown

Meador recognizes science fair winners



Meador Elementary has announced its winners for the science fair. These students will represent Meador at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair competition in March. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Matthew Espinoza, third grade; Isabella Diaz, third grade; (second row) Caleb Bray, third grade; Xavier Martinez, fourth grade; Jaedon Sinclair, third grade; (back row) Beverly Bolton, principal; Connie Daumas, peer facilitator; and Amy Clowers, assistant principal.

Photo by Tara Merida

Table sponsorships available for Hall of Fame

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end, Pasadena High School alumnus, Class of '67 and head football coach; Harry Morgan, South Houston High School head football coach Johnny Parker, standout football and basketball player at Sam Rayburn High School, Class of '68; Calvin Powitzky Jr., Pasadena High School All-State tackle/linebacker, Class of '64.

For the first time since the Athletics Hall of Fame began, a team induction will take place to celebrate the achievements of the Pasadena High School 1957 track team for capturing the state championship win that year with a record-breaking 45 points. The team also earned fourth place in 1999 on the Pasadena Citizen's Top 100 Sports Achievements of the Century.

FOX 26 Houston News personality Nate Griffin will serve as the Master of Ceremonies at the induction banquet. Griffin, a sports analyst and reporter for FOX

26 News, has covered professional, college and high school sports in the Greater Houston area, spanning more than 25 years, across various communication platforms such as radio, television and social media.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and take pictures with Griffin and the inductees at the end of the ceremony.

Table sponsorships are tax-deductible and can be reserved by calling Pasadena

ISD Director of Community Relations Cindy Parmer at 713-740-0288. She may be reached by email at cparmer@pasadenaisd.org. Sponsorships may be purchased on-line, via PayPal, at http://goo.gl/slhrMm.

Donors will be asked to complete a short information form and to note "Hall of Fame Table Sponsor" on the PayPal link. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame.

Contributed significantly to improving the quality of life in South Belt.

Pasadena ISD announces fine arts calendar

The Pasadena Independent School District has announced its fine arts calendar. Events are listed by event name, date, time and location.

Moore Elementary Kindergarten Texas Program, Feb. 27, 6 p.m., Moore Elementary Cafeteria.
Intermediate Choir UIL Concert and Sight Reading, March 6, 7 and 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Deer Park.
Intermediate Orchestra UIL Concert and Sight Reading, March 6 and 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Beverly Hills Intermediate.
Fred Roberts Middle School Choir Spring Concert, March 6, 6 p.m., Fred Roberts Middle School Aviator Stage.
High School Orchestra UIL Concert and Sight Reading, March 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 9, 8:07 a.m. to 4

p.m., Dobie High School.
Elementary Music Festival, March 8, 6 p.m., Phillips Gym.
Middle School Orchestra Benchmark Festival, March 24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Beverly Hills Intermediate.
Middle School Band Benchmark Festival, March 24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sam Rayburn High School.
South Belt Elementary First Grade Program *The Day the Crayons Quit*, April 5, 7 p.m., South Belt Elementary Cafeteria.
Thomas Hancock Elementary Third Grade Musical *E I E I Ooops!*, April 12, 6 p.m., Thomas Hancock Elementary

Cafeteria.
Fred Roberts Middle School Fifth Grade Band Spring Concert, April 19, 6 p.m., Fred Roberts Middle School Cafeteria.
Fred Roberts Middle School Spring Orchestra Concert, April 19, 6:30 p.m., Fred Roberts Middle School Cafeteria.
Fred Roberts Middle School Sixth Grade Band Spring Concert, April 19, 7 p.m., Fred Roberts Middle School Cafeteria.
Lomax Middle School Choir - *Pop around the World*, April 24, 6 p.m., Lomax Middle School Cafeteria.

What, if any, endorsements do you have? (50 words or less)
Our campaign has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO, National Association of Realtors, Independent Bankers Association, BOLD PAC, End Citizen's United, Congressman Gene Green, Alma Allen, Garnet Coleman, Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Constable Chris Diaz and dozens of other elected officials from the Harris County area.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? (50 words or less)
I have had the honor of serving the South Belt Community as Houston City Controller, Harris County Commissioner and now Texas State Senator.

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)
I absolutely support building the coastal spine immediately. The six or eight billion dollars it would take to build is far less than the cost of cleaning up after another major storm surge hits our area.

Do you support the idea of sanctuary cities and what would you do if the Trump administration attempted to retaliate by blocking federal funds for such cities? (100 words or less)
I believe that Congress has a vital job since President Trump terminated the Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Congress must act now to protect our Dreamers by immediately passing the Dream Act. Immigration reform is not simply a political issue, it's a moral issue. I do not believe that a border wall is an effective solution to our current immigration issues. Family Reunification has been a core guiding principal of immigration law for years. Calling it "chain migration" doesn't diminish our responsibility in keeping families together—it is an American value. The lottery system has been in place for years and has served its purpose in making America the diverse country it is today. But I feel that it is time to have a bi-partisan review of the process to determine whether the policy is meeting the needs of our modern immigration system.

Early voting set to begin Feb. 20

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clude Danny Nguyen, Eric Zmrhal and James Green. Democrat challengers include Letitia Plummer, Margarita Ruiz Johnson, Mark Gibson, Sri Preston Kulkarni and Steve Brown.

Several candidates have filed to fill the seat being vacated by Rep. Gene Green.

All U.S. House terms are two years.
Sen. Ted Cruz has filed to maintain his position. Republican challengers include Bruce Jacobson Jr., Geraldine Sam, Mary Miller and Stefano de Stefano. Democrat challengers include Beto O'Rourke, Edward Kimbrough and Sema Hernandez. The winner will serve a six-year term.

At the state level, Rep. Dennis Paul has filed to maintain his House District 129 position. While Paul will not face any challengers in the Republican primary, he will face Alexander Jonathan Karjeker, the lone Democrat to file to run for the position, in the November general election.

All state House terms are two years.
Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman is running unopposed in the Republican primary. Democrats vying for the position include Adrian Garcia, Daniel Box, Ken Melancon, Roger Garcia and Sammy Casados.

The winner will serve a four-year term.

What changes, if any, would you make to the existing Affordable Care Act? (100 words or less)
The simplest answer is that the federal government must do more to bring down the cost of healthcare. The most effective ways to do so are to protect the Affordable Care Act and expand access to quality, affordable healthcare. Congress must also increase the amount of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to better meet the healthcare needs of all Americans, particularly our most vulnerable populations such as indigent or unauthorized individuals. For those covered under Medicare and VA Health Benefits, Congress must protect and not cut those benefits to ensure that all seniors and veterans have a good quality of life.

Do you support the legalization of marijuana for medical reasons or recreational use? (100 words or less)
I do not support the full legalization of marijuana for recreational use, but I do believe there is a place for medical marijuana, as it has been shown to offer significant benefits in easing the pain of severely and terminally ill patients. Also, I strongly support reforming our criminal justice system, and putting more of a focus on the treatment of addiction, rather than locking-up everyone with a substance abuse problem.

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)
I would like to pass legislation funding the coastal spine, and protecting our community from another devastating storm.

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Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? (50 words or less)

I have had the honor of serving the South Belt Community as Houston City Controller, Harris County Commissioner and as Texas State Senator. Over the years I have made lifelong friends and community partners in the area, and believe I have

Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer. (100 words or less)

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Dobie9 Lassos team win at regional contest



Coach Chelsea Bohny (bottom center) and the Dobie9 Lassos team recently won multiple awards at the American Dance Drill Team Regional Contest. Those participating were, left to right, (front row) Melanie Rios, Makayla Karkosky, Karismah Lozano, Kassandra Keller, Clarissa Rodriguez, Bohny, Natalie Quinteros, Karla Gutierrez, Desiree Miller, Carolina Miranda, (middle row) Rayven Gavin, Annaya Belton, Gisselle Ruiz, Alexia Valerio, Layla Arredondo, Trishta Nguyen, Mia Ridge, Danielle Bulman, Alize Cantu, Maritza Arreola, Julissa Campos, Sarah Charles, (back row) Kalicia Davis, Ambreon Jones, Janelle Mooney, Brooklynn Lathan, Mady Vela, Lauren Robinson, Yelizavet Delacorda, Annessa Lumpsey, Marina Vasquez, Nathaly Mejia and Tiffany Villarreal. (See related photo Page 1A.)

Lariaettes excel at regional tournament



The J. Frank Dobie High School Lariaettes excelled at a recent regional competition, taking home multiple awards. Drill team members shown above are, left to right, (front row) Itzamarie Corral, Victoria Armenta (director), Gabriela Ramirez, Zoe Vela, Adela Alanis, Aleida Gonzalez, Jazmin Guerrero, Gisselle Guerra, Chelsea Bohny (assistant director), Brianna Williams (assistant director), (middle row) Yanelly Garza, Hallie Nelms, Gabriella Gonzalez, Ally Bellini, Andy Del Villar, Maria Pedroza, Maritza Hernandez, Catherine Fuentes, Marissa Rodgers, Alexis Chicas, Bianca Perez, Josie Garcia, (back row) Tammy Dang, Kayla Wilson, Darianna Glenn, Lauren Deramus, Tamecia Anderson, Osayi Edigin, Sara Cortez, Brooke Morales, Faith Renteria, Kia Ramos, Victoria Gonzalez, Lian Yui, Thy Huynh, Ashley Sorto, Evamaria Perla, Brianna Gomez, Corina Banda, Granyeli Feliciano, Charlyze Tamayo, Marissa Enriquez, Renita Navy, Jasmine Olivares, Aliyah Salas, Sidney Torres and Angela Vu. Photo submitted

Lariaettes win multiple regional awards

By Jade Wise, Pasadena ISD
The J. Frank Dobie High School Lariaettes and Lasso drill teams recently won multiple awards at the American Dance Drill Team Regional Contest in New Caney.
The Lariaettes, Dobie main campus's drill team, placed first overall in its category and were named the "Best of the Best" team. Col. Adela Alanis and Lt. Col. Aleida Gonzalez were solo finalists placing first runner-up and third runner-up, respectively.
"They really turned it on at this competition and were very professional," said first-year Lariaettes coach Victoria Armenta. "They really gave it their all."
The team began preparing for the competition right after football season in November and faced added pressure when one of the officers suffered an injury less than an hour before the competition began.
"Our team works really well under pressure, so I don't have to worry because I know we will go above and beyond and beat the status quo," said Alanis.
Also competing at the competition was Dobie's Lasso drill team who took home a WOW award, a judge's award, and a division 1 ranking. A WOW award is like a judge's choice award for a particular routine or dance.
According to the coach, the WOW award is given to the team that had a dance which most "wowed" the judges and/or had the most wow factor.
The Lassos ninth grade team is designed to prepare students who aspire to try out for the Lariaettes with the necessary skills to make the team.
"Through Lassos I've learned responsibility, dedication and time management skills," said Dobie9 student Lauren Robinson.

Beta Academy holds ceremony for students



Beta Academy scholars were recognized for their service and good character with the Early Act First Knight program, sponsored by the Gulfway Hobby Airport Rotary Club. Each month, teachers highlight a different virtue on which the students should focus. At the end, they choose someone from each class who best exhibited this virtue. The month of January focused on trustworthiness. Excitement buzzed in the air as teachers dressed up in costumes and proud parents arrived with balloons and gifts for their honored children. Sir James Lehman presented medals to those who were chosen and the older scholars knelt to be knighted. Above left, first-grader Uziel Gutierrez receives a medal for showing trustworthiness. Above, right, sixth-grader Michael Hildebrand is knighted by Sir James for his trustworthiness. Below left, second-grader Sonny Mehrkar gives Sir James a high-five. Below right, fourth grader Khayla Lewis stands with India Summers, her mother, as her teacher, Rafael Hildebrand, read why he chose her for this award. Photos by Lily Hermes and Kendra Hampton



Republican, Democratic Congressional candidates address multitude of issues

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Ensure economic and educational opportunities for the community, create access to healthcare, and clean up the environment.
What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected? (50 words or less)
Medicare for All.
Do you support the proposed coastal spine project to reduce storm surge damage? Explain your answer.

(100 words or less)
Absolutely. Given the elevation of the southern portion of Houston and the bowl that forms around downtown, it is crucial to have a system to ensure safety. This would also help deal with the contamination risk that the Brio Superfund and San Jacinto Waste Pits sites place our community in.
The topic of immigration reform is currently a hot-button issue. What are

your positions on the issues of DACA recipients, or DREAMers; President Trump's proposed border wall; so-called chain migration; and the existing "lottery" system? (150 words or less)
DACA recipients are not bargaining chips. Dreamers were made a promise and we need to honor that commitment. Building a wall is not only costly and legally challenging, but also ineffective to its stated purpose. We need to address the long wait time

in many immigration cases and ensure that we are being careful in our screening process.
What changes, if any, would you make to the existing Affordable Care Act? (100 words or less)
Convert to a single payer system that would force insurance providers to compete with the government. We should not have a system that places profits before the well being of our citizens.
Do you support the idea of sanctuary cities and what

would you do if the Trump administration attempted to retaliate by blocking federal funds for such cities? (100 words or less)
I support Sanctuary Cities. If the Trump Administration retaliated by blocking federal funds to our city we would sue the federal government.
What do you believe the role of charter schools should be in public education, and what role should the federal government vs the states have in oversight and accountability for

school districts? (100 words or less)
Private schools provide parents with an alternative to the failing public schools in our community. Having

said that, if schools were adequately funded by our State Legislators and not force our property and school taxes to increase, the benefit of private schools would be less-

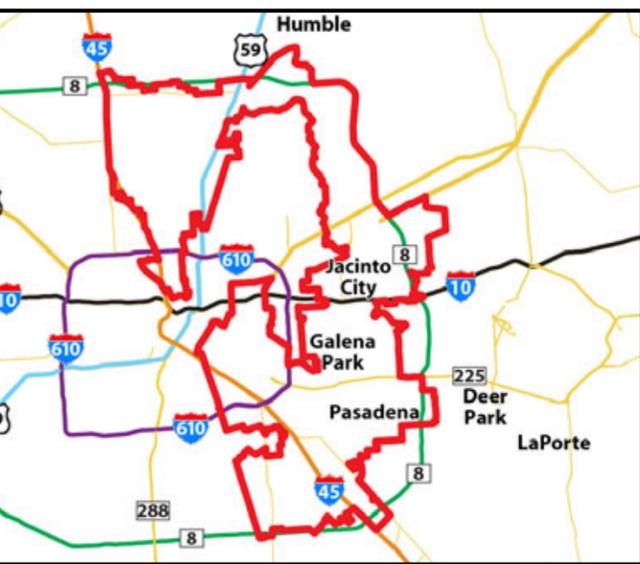
ened. Parents want what is best for their children and the Federal Government, not the State, is responsible for that.
Do you support the le-

galization of marijuana for medical reasons or recreational use? (100 words or less)
Yes, but with a strict regulation on synthetics.

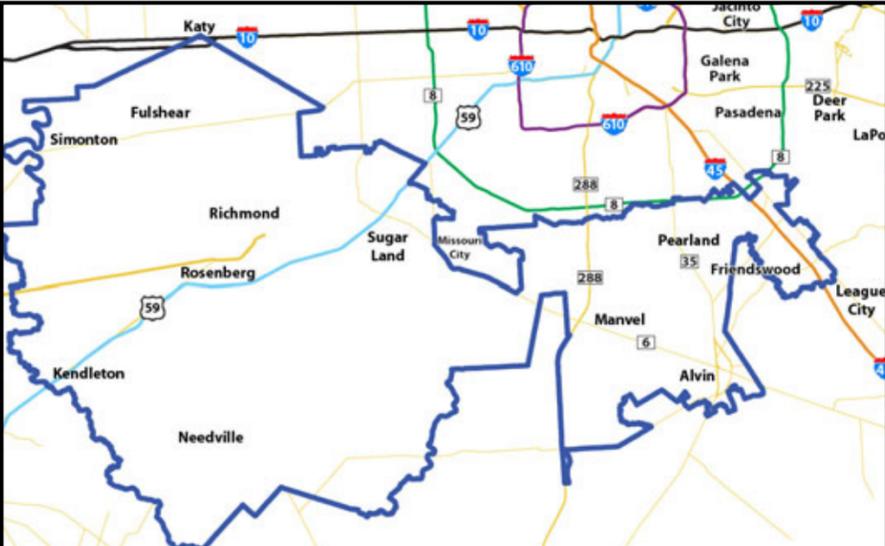
County moves Dixie fill dirt

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ing hazard. This work will take place as soon as the contractor can obtain approval for another disposal site and can mobilize equipment to the Dixie Farm Road location.
Background
The district construction contractor for the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin Project Phase II, James Construction Group LLC, was approved in December 2017 to use a specific location on Dixie Farm Road in the City of Friendswood as a disposal site for up to 100,000 cubic yards of excavated material from the South Belt project. This flood damage reduction project, located on Beamer Road in south Harris County, has been under construction in two phases since 2014.
The contractor obtained a development permit (fill permit) for this disposal site from the City of Friendswood, which is the floodplain administrator. The contractor then submitted this fill permit to the Flood Control District, including documents signed by the property owner

of the proposed disposal site stating that no disposal material would be placed within a floodplain and also include a copy of the effective floodplain map. Based on this documentation, the site was approved in early December 2017 by the Flood Control District's engineering consultant and regulatory compliance staff.
Hauling to the site began on Jan. 13. The district does not regulate development in Harris County. Development is regulated by individual municipalities or by Harris County for unincorporated areas, through its Harris County Engineering Department. Upon further consideration, however, the Flood Control District has determined that this location is not an appropriate disposal site for a Flood Control District project.
The South Belt project site includes the old Southbend neighborhood. Soil from the stormwater detention basin site has been tested for contamination on multiple occasions, including before the district acquired the property for stormwater detention, and has been found to be safe. This excavated material is NOT from the Brio Superfund site. Stormwater detention basins safely store excess stormwater during heavy rain events and slowly release the stormwater back to the bayou when the threat of flooding has passed.



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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Twice is nice – Dobie girls down The Shore, advance to area

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**
It took an extra four minutes, but the final result is all that mattered as the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team downed North Shore in overtime, reaching the area playoff round for the second straight season.

Dobie varsity football banquet is Feb. 18
Dobie coaching staffers and booster club members will honor the Longhorns varsity football team at the annual banquet, set for Sunday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m., in the school cafeteria. The catered event will run from 6 to 8 p.m., with coaching staff members recognizing the team's top performing student-athletes both for their on-field and academic efforts. Varsity players will be admitted free of charge, while all other tickets will be \$15 each at the door. For more information, direct email to infodfboosterclub@gmail.com.

Dobie, the District 22-6A champion and now owner of a 21-8 overall record, is set for a battle with Alief Elsik of District 23-6A in the area playoffs. Elsik survived a sloppily-played bidistrict game against Clear Creek, winning 35-34 as the two teams combined for 57 turnovers. No matter the foe, and these Lady Longhorns have proven that anything is possible. Dobie

led North Shore the entire way but trailed 39-38 in the final minute. Eight different players scored for the Lady Longhorns in the game. North Shore's Nene Washington had a game-high 17 points, but Dobie kept the rest of the Lady Mustangs relatively quiet on the offensive end. Washington and sophomore Makayla Patterson, North Shore's biggest threats from deep, did not

hit one of two free throws to seal the victory. Clearly, Dobie head coach Shane Brown had plenty of praise to go around following the win. "Victoria Onozie flat-out controlled the boards, especially late, and Charlee Peters was outstanding on the defensive end. Briasia Garza handled the

ball well and hit some big shots. Alexis Oses, Victoria and Breanna Smith really stepped up as our three seniors and showed a lot of leadership. It was just a great overall win for these young ladies." Brown said Dobie's scouting report pointed to North Shore's pressure defense and the ability of Washington and Patterson to shoot the ball well from beyond the arc.

With the exception of a lull at the start of the fourth quarter, Dobie executed its game plan exceptionally well. Neither team pulled away on the scoreboard, allowing Dobie to control the pace for the most part. Dobie's ability to hold North Shore to one shot on its end was also big. "We had three points of emphasis for this game, and really for every game,"

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Area Playoffs
Dobie (21-8) vs. Alief Elsik (22-6)
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Fri., Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
At right, Dobie varsity girls' basketball teammates Alexis Oses and Briasia Garza (1) embrace in victory after the Lady Longhorns defeated North Shore, 46-39 in overtime Feb. 12, in the bidistrict playoffs at Sam Rayburn High School. Both Oses and Garza scored big baskets in the overtime session as the locals advanced to the area playoff round for the second straight season. Also in on the fun at far right is Dobie's Kiome Dixon.
Photo by John Bechtle



Buzzer-beater gets Dobie boys' hoops to postseason

Twenty-nine total games played. More than 930 minutes of high school basketball. Yet the Dobie varsity boys' basketball season came down to the last second of the regular season before the reward finally came. Dobie sophomore Marquice Scott scored the game-winner at the buzzer as the Longhorns outlasted Pasadena Memorial 56-54 Feb. 13 at Dobie. The win qualified Dobie (13-16, 6-8) for the No. 4 playoff seed in 22-6A, which means a bidistrict playoff matchup against five-time 21-6A champion Atascocita (27-6). In the end, Dobie avoided a possible three-way tiebreaker for fourth place after Sam Rayburn fell at home to La Porte the same night, but Scott made sure the locals took care of business themselves. The game was tied at 54-54 with just over eight seconds remaining. Dobie's D.J. Garrett was fouled and had a chance to put the Longhorns in front. But he missed both

Dobie Longhorns vs. Atascocita Eagles
Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.
North Shore High School

free throws, with the second attempt batted around under the Dobie basket. Dobie's Erville Mackey wound up with the ball and sent a jump pass out to Scott near the 3-point line. Scott subsequently drove to the basket and floated in an under-handed dipsey-doodle runner at the buzzer for the win. A wild game indeed, but the Longhorns survived. Memorial dominated the second quarter and led 32-17 at halftime, only to see Dobie in front 40-39 entering the final eight minutes. The fun started as Scott's shot fell, sending the Longhorn faithful into a frenzy. Justin Thomas led Dobie with 18 points, and Scott had 11. Mackey and Garrett finished with 10 points. Now it's on to Atascoc-

ita, owner of one of the state's top programs for several years. But it's just basketball, five on five at a time. Anything is possible. Just ask Dobie head coach Kevin Cross. "Anything can happen," Cross said. "We have been the No. 4 seed twice before and defeated the No. 1 seed. Atascocita is obviously very good, but they lost to Dawson at the Texas Invitational and we beat Dawson. It's just an example of what can happen when you go into any game. "I'm happy for the guys that we got in and made the playoffs again. It's been a season of some close, tight games." And the playoff game will give Dobie fans a look at what to expect over the

next two seasons, with Atascocita set to join 22-6A. League officials are actively seeking vendors to take part in the carnival, including cooking teams, nonprofit organizations and vendors of all kinds. For more details on how to get involved as a vendor, including pricing, direct email to SBHLL information officer Daisy Gonzalez at daisygonzalez@icloud.com or sbhll@hotmail.com.

Weather aside, SJC softball looks ahead

The San Jacinto College softball team began the 2018 campaign Jan. 28 with a doubleheader split against defending Division II national champion LSU-Eunice. At that point, the team was brimming with optimism, and hopes for a possible return to the Division I World Series were well intact. Well, the optimism is still there, and San Jacinto College certainly hopes for a first-ever return to the World Series. Yet the bus is stuck in neutral. Since playing those two games Jan. 28, San Jacinto has been able to play just four more times. The annual San Jacinto College Invitational was canceled due to weather, and a trip to Waco to face McLennan netted just one game in 35-degree weather, according to SJC head coach Kelly Saenz. One of the more calm, cool and understanding coaches in the profession, even Saenz has seen her patience tested. By her estimation, SJC

has missed out on the chance to play as many as seven to eight games. The cancellation of the SJC Invitational alone meant that six games were dropped. "It's been miserable," Saenz said. "We've lost so many games to the weather. It's been very frustrating. Hopefully, we see a turnaround very soon." Complicating matters is the ongoing construction at Coyote Field on the South campus, where additional bleachers and other upgrades are being made - mostly in cold, rainy conditions. There's no way Saenz or her team want to see construction slowed or stopped, so for now the Coyotes are road warriors. That's fine, provided the weather improves. "It's been difficult for me to be able to see some of the freshmen play regularly and assess what they can do to help us," Saenz said. "It's rough for the pitchers because they need to face more live hitting and get a feel for what works in their skill set. And de-

fensively, we haven't been able to take enough ground balls and work on our defense. You can only do so much in the cages." Continued on Page 3B

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Atkinson Elementary Eagles honor Big Shootout winners



Atkinson Elementary fourth-grade student Audrey Volper displays her second-place medal she captured as the Pasadena ISD's districtwide Big Shoot Out competition Feb. 12 at Phillips Field House.



Four Atkinson Elementary students, left to right, fourth-grader Audrey Volper, third-graders Nadia Kydonieffs and Reis Gonzales and fourth-grader Roy Swan won the honor of representing the Eagles at the

Pasadena ISD Big Shoot Out competition after leading their peers in the Atkinson event. At the Feb. 12 contest at Phillips Field House, Volper finished second overall. Submitted photos

Shootout winners at Stuchbery



Stuchbery Elementary third-grade students Lexi Walker (left) and Kaman Woodruffe competed at the Pasadena ISD districtwide Big Shoot Out competition Feb. 12, at Phillips Field House. Walker and Woodruffe won the schoolwide event at Stuchbery to advance to the PISD finale.



Stuchbery Elementary fourth-grade students Adam Williams (left) and Peyton Centeno take a break during the Pasadena ISD districtwide Big Shoot Out competition Feb. 12, at Phillips Field House. The pair won the competition at Stuchbery and, thus, the right to represent their school at the PISD event. There, Williams was third overall.

Sports Calendar

SOCCER
Friday, Feb. 16
 Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:30
 Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 5:30
 Dobie varsity boys at Deer Park, Abshier, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys at Deer Park, Abshier, 5:00
 Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:30
 Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:30

Tuesday, Feb. 20
 Brook varsity boys at Clear Falls, 7:30
 Brook varsity girls host Clear Falls, 7:30
 Dobie varsity boys at La Porte, 7:00
 Brook JV girls host Clear Falls, 5:30
 Brook JV boys at Clear Falls, 5:30
 Dobie JV boys at La Porte, 5:00

TENNIS
Friday, Feb. 16-17
 Dobie varsity Corpus Christi Spring Fling tourn., TBA

SOFTBALL
Saturday, Feb. 17
 San Jacinto College at Temple (2), 3:00

Wednesday, Feb. 21
 San Jacinto College at McLennan (2), Waco, 1:00

Thursday, Feb. 15 through Saturday, Feb. 17
 Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
 Brook varsity at Brenham tourn., TBA

TRACK AND FIELD
Thursday, Feb. 15
 Dobie JV boys and girls at Brown Relays, Aux., TBA

Friday, Feb. 16
 Dobie varsity boys/girls at Brown Relays, Aux., TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 20
 PISD Intermediate girls meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Wednesday, Feb. 21
 PISD Intermediate boys meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Thursday, Feb. 22
 Dobie JV boys/girls at Clear Falls Knights meet, TBA

Friday, Feb. 23
 Dobie varsity boys/girls at Clear Falls meet, TBA

BASEBALL
Friday, Feb. 16
 Brook varsity hosts Manvel scrimmage, 4:00
 Dobie varsity at North Shore scrimmage, 3:30
 Brook JV at Manvel scrimmage, 6:00
 Dobie JV hosts North Shore scrimmage, 3:00
 Brook sophomores at Manvel scrimmage, 4:00
 Dobie sophomores at North Shore scrimmage, 3:30

Monday, Feb. 19
 Dobie varsity at Clear Creek, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Clear Creek, Dobie, 3:30
 Dobie sophomores at Clear Creek, 4:00

Thursday, Feb. 22
 Brook varsity at Deer Park, 9 a.m.
 Brook varsity vs. Fort Bend Austin, Deer Park, 2:00
 Dobie varsity at Border Olympics, Laredo, TBA

Friday, Feb. 23
 Brook varsity at Barbers Hill, 4:30
 Brook varsity vs. Splendora, Barbers Hill, 7:00
 Dobie varsity at Border Olympics, Laredo, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 24
 Brook varsity vs. Galv. Ball, La Porte, 9 a.m.
 Dobie varsity at Border Olympics, Laredo, TBA

JFD boys' track opens at Kethans

Dobie junior Jase Young took center stage for the Longhorns at the Jim Kethan Relays Feb. 9 in Deer Park, reeling in a pair of third-place honors. Young and Devon Childs booked the Longhorns' best finishes of the meet as the Dobie boys got things going. In the 100-meter dash, Young's time of 12.02 seconds placed him third for a bronze medal. Shifting to the 200-meter dash, Young again came up third as he delivered a clocking of 23.89. Childs' third-place medal came in the shot put as his best throw of 42 feet, 4 1/2 inches placed him third overall. Junior Justin Lavini-

er was fourth in the pole vault as he cleared 11-0, and teammate Christopher Rolon was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles at 20.35. In the 300-meter hurdles, Mason Douglas crossed the finish line fifth at 46.66, and Jeffrey McCall threw the discus 114-0 for fifth place. Dontavion Crosby's best long jump effort was good for fifth place at 18-5, and Crosby also placed fifth in the triple jump after making his way to 36-1/2. Prior to heading off to Deer Park for the Kethan event, Dobie first-year track and field head coach Irvin Theodile said he was looking for his young

group to pull together, show pride in the opener and compete. "The kids have been very enthused about track so far, so we would like to keep that energy going," Theodile said. "I'm giving kids opportunities to show all the hard work they've been putting in. We're going to go out and compete. We're young, but have big hearts and competitive spirits. Early on, we're going to see exactly what we have on the track." Next up is essentially a home meet for Dobie as Pasadena ISD hosts the annual Brown Relays Friday, Feb. 16. The field events will begin at 2:30 p.m., and the running finals are part of the evening session at Auxiliary Stadium.

The Clear Brook varsity softball team opened its season in exciting fashion, edging Manvel 8-7 at Clear Brook Feb. 13. The Lady Wolverines are now off to compete in the annual Brenham ISD Invitational. There, the locals will open against Danbury Feb. 15, in a 1 p.m. game. At 5

Day, Dawson SB blanks Dobie 6-0

No doubt few were willing to make excuses, but it was simply too cold for softball. Dawson's Courtney Day, the 2017 Newcomer of the Year in District 23-6A, pitched a two-hit shutout Feb. 12, at Dawson, leading the Lady Eagles to a 6-0 win over Dobie in the season opener for both teams in sub-50 degree weather and wind. On a night when Day allowed only a fourth-inning single to Camryn Wincer and another single to Dani Colunga in the fifth inning, the Lady Eagles avenged a season-opening

loss to Dobie a season ago. With the aid of a pair of Dobie errors, Dawson scored six runs in the bottom of the third inning to virtually lock up the win. Day struck out six in her shutout win, while Dobie's Miquela Guajardo went four innings, with relief help from Alana Ortega. Dobie should find warmer, yet perhaps cooler, conditions, at the upcoming Bryan Invitational Feb. 15-17. The Lady Longhorns are set to open play Feb. 15, against Burlson High School.

edge past Manvel. Clear Brook will go against host Brenham. On Feb. 16, Clear Brook has a 10 a.m. contest against Porter, followed by a 2 p.m. game against Judson. The final day of the event - Feb. 17 - Brook will play Gregory-Portland at 10 a.m. and La Grange at 2 p.m.

Local sports news

Dobie softball fundraiser Feb. 24
 The Dobie softball program has rescheduled its hamburger plate combination fundraiser, which will now be held Saturday, Feb. 24 at Dobie High School. Heavy rains forced the cancellation of Dobie's round robin scrimmages Feb. 10, forcing the festivities to be moved to Feb. 24, the final day of action of the Haynie Memorial Spirit Invitational at Dobie. The \$7 combination plates will include a hamburger, either chips or beans, a beverage and a dessert.

Rising Stars registering
 The Rising Stars Track Club, the South Belt area's longstanding youth program, is currently accepting registration and is conducting pre-season workouts at the Dobie High School track. Team coaches are hosting workouts each Wednesday and Friday, from 4:45 p.m. to dark, Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. Both returning and first-year team members may register at any of the workout sessions.

Brook, Dobie to open seasons
 Amid plenty of scrimmage cancellations and reboots, the high school baseball season is set for its first pitch soon. The Dobie Longhorns' varsity team will play at Clear Creek Monday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. From there, the Longhorns will travel to Laredo for the Border Olympics tournament. At Clear Brook, the Wolverines' varsity team will play in La Porte ISD's David Anzaldua Memorial Invitational. On Feb. 22, the Wolverines will take on defending Class 6A state champion and tournament co-host Deer Park at Deer Park. First pitch is at 9 a.m. Brook will then play Fort Bend Austin at 2 p.m., also at Deer Park. On Feb. 23, Clear Brook will be at Barbers Hill High School to play Barbers Hill at 4:30 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. contest against Splendora. Moving ahead to Feb. 24, the Wolverines will head to La Porte High School, where a 9 a.m. game awaits against Galveston Ball and former Brook head coach Russell Ferrell, now the Tors' head coach. Looking ahead to Monday, March 5, the Wolverines will host Dobie in varsity action at Clear Brook. First pitch is at 6:30 p.m.

Dobie girls' tracksters roll at LP, DP

It's just one week of meets, but count first-year Dobie girls' track and field coach Halee Edwards as impressed with both her team's effort and performance. The Dobie varsity team placed fourth among 13 team entrants at the Jim Kethan Relays in Deer Park Feb. 9. A day earlier, the Lady Longhorns' junior varsity team took first place at the La Porte Invitational. With Dobie now set to be one of the host schools of the Brown Relays Feb. 16, at Auxiliary Stadium, Edwards is excited to see the continued progress of her group. "We have been practicing hard since August, so these kids were ready to compete," Edwards said of Dobie's week-one effort. "Last night (at Deer Park), we saw some great things, things that were a big focus in off-season that paid off. "We are really trying to develop speed and power in all of our athletes - from jumpers to throwers to long distance kids - and we saw that shine last

night. "We had one in particular stand out. Georgina Labarrera has been in off-season with me since August, and I had to beg her to stick with track. "I gave her my word that we would make her better from last year to this year. (At Deer Park) she threw 35 feet in the shot put to get her second in the event. "Last year, her personal best was around 30'. She is one of the hardest workers I have. She's a great leader on and off the field and I can't wait to see what she will be throwing in eight weeks." In that same event, Dobie senior Jamesetta Seals was fourth in the shot at 32-5, and Seals was fifth in the discus with a top throw of 91-7, with teammate Kennedy Southall sixth at 84-5. Junior Aajaylah Reed also had her talents on display for the Lady Longhorns. She was in on the fun in the 4x100-meter relay as Dobie cruised to the win in a time of 51.2 seconds. Reed was joined by senior

Erin Flemings, freshman Briana Haywood and junior Rachel Smith. Dobie also scored a big 20 points for the win in the 4x200-meter relay, with Haywood, Reed, junior Alexis Shaw and freshman Amari Singleton combining for the win at 1 minute, 50.6 seconds. At 13.2, Reed also scored an individual victory in the 100-meter dash, with Smith sixth at 13.6. Elsewhere, Flemings' top long jump of 15'9 3/4" placed her second. And Singleton, competing in the 1,600-meter run (fifth at 6:00) and 3,200-meter run (sixth at 13:24) also added key points for the Lady Longhorns. **JV rolls at La Porte** Depth and pure talent were in play at La Porte as the Lady Longhorns scored the team win with 108 points. Four freshmen representing Dobie for the first time took the win in the 4x100-meter relay for 20 points. At 53.6, Kenya Horton, Dearia Jackson, Ambreon Jones and Amaya Ray claimed the win.

Ray and Jackson were involved in the 4x200-meter relay along with sophomore Anais Funches and freshman Jordyn Ridge as Dobie was third in the event at 1:58, and the Lady Longhorns were also third in the 4x400-meter relay behind the effort of freshmen Grace Castaneda, Jada Sawyer, Jackson and Janya Hunt. In individual events, Ray came away with a gold medal as she was the winner of the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.0, and Jones' leap of 14-2 was plenty good enough to win the long jump. At 13-3, Ray was fourth in the long jump. Dobie's Horton was also second in the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 18.0. Jones, meanwhile, was third with her time of 19.2 in the same event. Also in the 100-meter dash, Funches (13.8) and Italy Bossett (25-5) went second and fifth, respectively, in the triple jump, and Hunt's time of 2:41 was third-best in the 800-meter run. Jones clocked in at 28.4

in the 200-meter dash for second place, and Hunt's time of 28.9 placed her fourth. In the 300-meter hurdles, Horton's time of 55.0 was third, with teammate Isabella Delgado sixth at 58 seconds. Sawyer's time of 1:10 was good enough for her to score sixth place in the 400-meter dash, and Ashley Tsikis was sixth at 6:30 in the 1,600-meter run. "I ran about 30 kids at the junior varsity meet, and every single one of them competed hard and had fun doing it," Edwards said. "These kids are working hard for the success that came (at La Porte), and I cannot be more proud to see this young team be successful. They deserve it. A couple of girls that were key scorers in the win just came off a basketball game (four days earlier), so to see them want to compete after one rainy day of practice shows me they really want to be out there. It's going to be a special year."

Lajaunie memorial tennis coming April 27-29

The 2018 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 27-29. The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are in the planning and sponsorship gathering stages for its seventh annual memorial tennis tournament. Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded

entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor. Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college. He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center. Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis. All players will receive a tournament T-shirt, a luggage tag and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

A free lunch will also be available for players and spectators, donated by the Lajaunie family. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items. Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 27. There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets will soon be available for purchase. Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis

games for ages 12 and under. There will also be plenty of giveaway prizes. Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website at the end of March. In May, the 2018 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is \$35 for singles and \$22.50 per player for doubles. Players may also register at www.setteo.com. Registration deadline is April 13. The tournament will begin Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTennis

scholarships.com includes pictures from the 2017 tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarship details and more. Those who would like to donate may also do so on the website. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible. Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX, 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson at clajlajunie@gmail.com with any questions.

Gator baseball rolls to three more wins

The San Jacinto College baseball team will not go undefeated this season. Beyond that, the Gators certainly appear to again be a national title contender.

While rain forced the cancellation of the team's planned Tournament of Champions as well as the annual Legends Weekend festivities, the Gators did play four games Feb. 9-10, including doubleheaders against McLennan and Navarro.

While McLennan broke through with three runs over the final two frames to hand San Jacinto a 4-2 loss – the locals' first of the season – San Jac responded with a 2-1 win over McLennan and then defeated Navarro 7-6 and 12-2.

Over the course of the first three weeks of the regular season, San Jacinto has posted a 7-1 overall record.

The SJC/McLennan double dip featured PerfectGame.net's pre-season No. 1 ranked team (San Jacinto) against No. 5 McLennan.

San Jac led the opener 2-1 in the fifth before McLennan scored one in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth inning for a 4-2 victory.

In the second game, Devon Roedahl went six innings while allowing just one earned run to move to 2-0 this season. In the end, SJC won the game 2-1 as Tyrice Silas, who had a pair of hits in both games, led the way offensively.

In the first game against

Navarro, San Jacinto went out to win 7-6 after leading 6-2 through two innings.

Sergio Macias doubled, scored two runs and drove in a pair, and Peter Zimmerman took advantage of a start, going 3 for 5 with a double, two runs scored and a pair of RBIs. Mario Moralez and Baylor Rowlett had a pair of hits.

In the 12-2 win to close

out the weekend against Navarro, Jordan Myrow was 4 for 4 with a homer, three runs scored and a pair of RBIs for the winners.

Macias homered among his three hits, and pitchers Luis Quinones, Mike Pascoe and Chezarie Gonzalez combined for a no-hitter over seven innings.

Myers shines at Paris

Dobie High School graduate Tyler Myers is off to a fast start as a starter with the Paris College Dragons.

Myers, who has signed to play beginning this fall at the University of Mississippi, has converted into a full-time starting pitcher for the Dragons after leading the team in

saves in 2017. Through three starts, Myers is 2-0 with a 1.20 earned run average, having allowed just two earned runs.

Myers, who has gone five innings in each of his three starts, has struck out 11 batters over that span. Overall, Paris currently stands at 5-5.

Poor weather has SJC playing catch-up

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The team's young pitching staff still has some work to do. In that 11-1 loss to McLennan Feb. 10, starter Michelle Kristoff allowed five earned runs in 1 2/3 innings in the circle. Katlyn Rivera also struggled.

But Saenz is confident the pitching will come around just fine with more game action.

Offensively, several of the returning sophomores from 2017 have predictably answered the call.

Riley Bullen has a team-high five extra-base hits, including a home run. She also has hit .450 through the six games.

Madison Neal has hit .400 in the early going, and Kenzie Kotrla is at .375. Another big bat in the lineup is that of Taylor McHenry, who has hit .348.

Allison Bravo, who like Kristoff is a Dobie graduate, is hitting .429 and sharing catching duties. Lacey Galbaldo has hit .455. As a team, San Jacinto is hitting .342, and that should heat up along with the weather.

San Jacinto has a road trip coming to Midland and Howard. Then there is the Region XIV Crossover tournament. At this point, Saenz simply wants to see her team playing game af-

ter game. "Midland and Howard are good, solid programs," Saenz said.

"Hopefully, we get those games in and get things going."

Clear Brook tracksters led by Pree, Thompson

Going up against a very talented field of teams at the season-opening Wolverine Relays Feb. 9 at Clear Brook, the host Wolverines delivered a few bright moments.

Long jumper Kenneth Pree, certainly aiming to get back into regional contention during his senior season, got off to a great start.

Going to the 21 feet, 11 1/4 inch mark, Pree won

SJC women's hoops to play for Yow

By Amanda Fenwick SJC marketing

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will host its Play4Kay game on Wednesday, Feb. 21 against Coastal Bend College. Tipoff is at 5:30 p.m.

San Jac (15-9, including 6-7 in conference play) will host a free throw fundraiser in support of the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

During the week of the game, each San Jac player will shoot 100 free throws at practice.

Individual player sponsors will then donate a specific amount of money to the fund for each made free throw.

The team will also accept donations for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund from the general public at the game on Feb. 21. The program is also encouraging fans to wear pink to the game.

As a team, San Jac is shooting 70.3 percent (301 for 428) from the free throw line this season.

San Jac is led by sophomore phenom Eryka Sidney (Houston Wheatley High School), who is averaging 17.3 points per game.

Last year's Region XIV Freshman of the Year and a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American honorable mention ranks 41st in the country in scoring, 22nd in total points (397), 20th in three pointers (64 for 161) and 21st in total assists (111).

Sophomores Alexus Jones, Alexis Bryant and Victoria Blankenship

also average double-digit points for San Jac.

Jones (Aledo High School) is second on the squad at 14.4 points per game. Bryant (Pflugerville High School) averages 13.7 points per game and is the team's leading rebounder at 8.9 per game.

Her per game rebound average is 46th in the country, and she ranks 31st in the nation in total rebounds (204).

Blankenship, a transfer from Tyler Junior College (North Shore High School) checks in at 10.3 points per game and 7.3 cars per game.

For more information about the San Jacinto College women's basketball program, visit sanjac sports.com.

About the Kay Yow Cancer Fund: The Kay Yow Cancer Fund is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization committed to being a part of finding an answer in the fight against all women's cancers through raising money for scientific research, assisting the underserved, and unifying people for a common cause.

To date, the Yow fund has awarded \$5.63 million to research programs that assist the underserved in all cancers affecting women. Yow was the longtime women's basketball coach at North Carolina State.



Sophomore Eryka Sidney (3) leads the San Jac women's basketball team in scoring at 17.3 points per game. Sidney and her teammates will host a Play4Kay game on Wednesday, Feb. 21 against Coastal Bend College.
Photo by Melissa Trevizo, SJC marketing

Clear Brook athletes ink letters of intent



Four Clear Brook High School class of 2018 seniors have decided where to continue their educations and playing careers beginning this fall. From left, boys' soccer standout Jordan Greenshield, girls' soccer team captain Cameron Koerner and football players Jarrett Smith and Braelon Hill inked letters of intent earlier this month. Greenshield is headed to

Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, where he will play for the Falcons. Koerner, meanwhile, will play at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Smith is headed to Austin to play for the University of Texas football program, and Hill will play for Kilgore College in Ranger, Texas.

Brook bowler Razo to West Texas A&M



Clear Brook High School star bowler Kassandra Razo (seated center) will continue her education and bowling career at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, after signing with the Buffs. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Yesenia Razo (mother), Rodney Razo (father), (back row) Brook coaches Cecil Rutherford, Roxy Casas and Dario Vacarro. A four-year member of the Clear Brook bowling program, Razo has helped the Wolverines maintain their status as one of the region's best. She helped the Lady Wolverines win their first district crown in 2017 and has the team positioned to repeat this season. Razo has been a part of the Houston South-

east District's all-league team and has reached the state finals. Off the lanes, Razo volunteers her time aplenty, as her favorite is the Special Olympics bowling tournament. She also raises funds for the Special Olympics by taking part in the annual Polar Plunge. She is a member of the Clear Brook Peer Assistance and Leadership program. Having dedicated her junior year to attending Hope Village, the nonprofit residential home and day program in the Houston area for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Razo this school year has spent countless hours hanging out with the residents at the Autumn Leaves Retirement Community.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 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 – 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 jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Noon
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, located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park – has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.
6:30 p.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners – presents *Spring Vegetable Gardening* on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. This event is a free Harris County Master Gardener event. For more information on future HCMG events, visit the website <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/pubGreenThumb.aspx> or call 713-274-0950.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
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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 more information, 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 jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
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 17
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
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 jpochsner@aol.com for more information.
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 18
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 jpochsner@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 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
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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 19
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.
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 jpochsner@aol.com for details.
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 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., 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.

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

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.

3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's. 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

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.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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.

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

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. Interested persons welcome. 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 csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 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.
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 jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

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

1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, 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 drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318.

6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details, call 281-526-6840.

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

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.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
 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.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets monthly 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 currently being taken on a Canadian Rockies VIA Rail trip (July 20 - 27), Scandinavian Treasures Baltic cruise (Sept. 5 - 15) and a Nashville Show trip (Dec. 2 - 8). Plan ahead to join the trips. For details, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388.

9:30 a.m.
The Community Club - meets the third Wednesday, monthly, 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 jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesdays, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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

1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves (not formal lessons). For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

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 22
 7 a.m.
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Hometown Heroes Park - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.

6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

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 details, call 713-856-1611.

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Dobie's 7-0 overtime run lifts team to area basketball playoff round

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Brown said. "One is to play within yourself and stay under control. Secondly, don't leave the team system. There are five players on the court for a reason."

"Lastly, play through the crazies. Teams are going to make runs in games. It's an emotional game. Control the crazies,

weather the quick runs and you will be okay. I really believe we also benefited from playing in a lot of close games this season.

"We are used to being in tough situations late in game needing a basketball or a big defensive stop. Tonight, we did all of that pretty well."

Early on, it looked like Dobie might run away

and hide. But after a 9-3 lead was erased, Dobie found itself in a 12-12 tie. Tony Montgomery then knocked down a 3-pointer for a 15-12 lead.

After a North Shore free throw, Breanna Smith sank a jumper and Onozie converted a 3-point play. An offensive rebound and putback by Smith gave Dobie a 22-14 lead near

halftime. Still, a double-digit lead proved elusive for the Lady Longhorns.

In the fourth quarter, North Shore forced three turnovers early on, and the Lady Longhorns missed four of five tries from the line.

Still, the defense from Dobie was good enough to hold North Shore down

as the locals drew a pair of late charging calls.

In the overtime, Onozie won the tip for Dobie, and the Lady Longhorns worked the clock patiently until Vanessa Lam found Oses on a cut to the basket for an easy layin.

That was with just over three minutes left, and Dobie held on defensively the rest of the way, with Onozie doing her work on the backboards.

Dobie's win ended an incredible run by head coach Allison Campbell's group. One had to go all the way back to 2004 to find the last time North Shore failed to reach at least the area round.

Dobie has not reached the regional quarterfinal round since that same 2004 season but will have that chance very soon. For Brown, it's all about sticking to the plan.

"We play together as a group and are pretty good at playing panic-free basketball," Brown said. "This is the part of the season you want to be a part of. Hopefully, we can keep it going."

Brown scouted Elsik's ugly win over Clear Creek in the bidistrict round. In between the turnovers by both teams, Elsik slowed the pace to a half-court game with post Erinescia Ford scoring nine points to go with 12 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Elsik stayed in a zone defense throughout much of the game against Creek, leaving Brown to believe either Dobie's quickness or Elsik's slow-it-down style will win.



While teammate Victoria Onozie (32) seemingly begs for a pass to her side of the court, Dobie's Tony Montgomery (3) works against North Shore's Makayla Patterson (10) late in the fourth quarter of

the bidistrict playoff game between the two teams at Sam Rayburn High School. Dobie's win ended North Shore's run of 13 straight appearances in the area playoff round.

Wolverine boys' hoops takes fifth in 24-6A

A 79-65 loss at home to Dickinson Feb. 13 ended Clear Brook's varsity boys' basketball season as the Wolverines wound up fifth in the final District 24-6A standings.

With the win, Dickinson finished in a tie with Clear Lake at 12-2 for the league title, with the Falcons earning the No. 1 playoff seed via a one-point tiebreaker outcome.

The Wolverines ended the season at 6-8. On Feb. 9, the Wolverines hammered Alvin 63-43 for their final win of the season. Brook held a Senior Night ceremony Feb. 13

to recognize the efforts of senior and leading scorers Kendrick Christian and Nakia Johnson as well as multi-sport standout Caleb Chapman, Adam Haj and Aaron Nguyen.



Dobie's Victoria Onozie (32), one of three seniors on the roster this season and arguably the team's most versatile player, looks for a passing lane in the second half against North Shore while being guarded

by the Lady Mustangs' Tamia Singleton (15). Onozie had 10 points in the game and also controlled the backboards on both ends as Dobie advanced to the next round.



Charlee Peters of Dobie (5) was one of the primary defenders against North Shore's Nene Washington (1) in the varsity girls' basketball bidistrict playoff game between the two teams Feb. 12. Washington had a game-high 17 points, but was never able to take over the game. Photos by John Bechtle

22-6A varsity soccer races heat up

The varsity boys' and girls' soccer races in District 22-6A are about to reach a critical stage, with the Dobie teams looking to stay within reach of first place.

The Longhorn boys, despite a 1-0 loss to Sam Rayburn, are about to take on Deer Park (Feb. 16) with first place at stake. Dobie, for its part, is trying to win its fourth straight league crown.

Through four of 14 total matches, Memorial and Deer Park are tied atop the 22-6A standings with 10 points each, with Dobie a point back at 3-1-0.

Dobie owns impressive victories over West Brook, South Houston and Pasadena, with the 1-0 setback against Sam Rayburn the lone blemish on the locals' record.

Dobie's Raul Hernandez leads the team in scoring with eight goals and six assists for 22 points. Bryan Nava has scored five goals, and Antonio Arias has dished seven assists.

As many soccer experts expected, Deer Park

Dobie varsity boys (3-1-0) at Deer Park (3-0-1) Fri., Feb. 16, 7 p.m. Abshier Stadium

Dobie varsity girls (2-0-2) at Deer Park (4-0-0) Sat., Feb. 17, noon Veterans Stadium

has emerged as a possible Region III Final Four contender. The Lady Deer have dominated District 22-6A action to the tune of a 4-0 record. Along the way, Deer Park has outscored its four opponents by a combined 26-1.

Deer Park will be tough to overcome for sure, but Dobie is very much in the mix for second place despite a pair of overtime shootout games to this point.

At 2-0-2, Dobie has 11 points for second place, with Memorial third and Pasadena and La Porte trailing.

Alexis Magana has three goals and two assists

to lead Dobie, while Victoria Chu has also scored three times.

The Lady Longhorns will look to do damage against first-place Deer Park Feb. 17, at Veterans Stadium. Match time is noon.

Dobie will then play another big match Monday, Feb. 19, at home against La Porte. That match is set for 5 p.m., also at Veterans Stadium.

Through the same number of matches in the District 24-6A races, both the Clear Brook varsity boys' and girls' squads have fallen behind the league leaders and are now in catch-up mode.

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