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## Dobie Dual Credit meeting

There will be a dual credit meeting for Dobie High School students and parents on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Any sophomore or junior who is interested in obtaining college credit and high school credit at the same time is invited to attend. For more information, contact Jennifer Johnson or Nancy Carlton at 713-740-0370.

## Annie performed at Dobie

The Dobie High School Fine Arts Department will present the heart-warming musical, *Annie*, Feb. 4-6, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for all seating, and can be purchased at the door. For ticket information, call 713-740-0370, ext. 04173.

## Dobie baseball sells BBQ

The Dobie baseball program will host a fundraising barbecue and scrimmage game Saturday, Feb. 6, at the school's varsity baseball field on campus (also inside El Franco Lee Park). Booster club members will offer double meat combination plates including chicken, sausage, rice, beans, bread slice and soft drink or water for \$10 each.

All Dobie players are currently offering presale meal tickets. The Feb. 6 event will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with presale meals served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The scrimmage game will begin around noon. To obtain presale tickets, direct email to [dobiediamond@gmail.com](mailto:dobiediamond@gmail.com).

## Sagemont Civic Club meets

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, at the Sagemont Park Community Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Officer Richard Buitron with a discussion on the *No Parking in Yard Ordinance*. There will also be a question-and-answer session.

## Lake at Golfcrest to meet

Lake at Golfcrest's monthly HOA meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

## Highland Meadow meets

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow HOA will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. This is the annual meeting which will include the election of a board member. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Michael Quast with C.I.A. Services Inc. at 713-981-9000 or at [customer-care@ciaservices.com](mailto:customer-care@ciaservices.com).

## Kirkmont Sec. 1 to meet

The monthly meeting for the Kirkmont Association Inc. Section 1 will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at 10102 Blackhawk. Homeowners, neighbors and renters are welcome to attend. All Section 1 resident question, comments and concerns can be emailed to [mykirkmont1hoa@yahoo.com](mailto:mykirkmont1hoa@yahoo.com).

## Scholarships offered

### Atkinson Elementary PTO

Atkinson Elementary PTO is offering \$500 scholarships to two graduating Dobie seniors who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. The applications must be received by noon Friday, Feb. 26, to be considered.

### Frazier Elementary

Frazier Elementary is offering scholarships to seven graduating Dobie seniors who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie.

Applications must be received by noon on Friday, March 11.

### Moore Elementary Student Council

The Moore Elementary Student Council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in the fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Friday, Apr. 1, to be considered.

## Jessup hosts health fair

Jessup Elementary, located at 9301 Alameda Genoa Road, will host its annual Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 5 to 6 p.m. Vendors who would like to participate can contact Val Noland at 713-740-0616.

## Lady Longhorns host bingo

The Dobie Lady Longhorns Booster Club will hold a bingo fundraiser Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through a Dobie soccer player or a booster club member.

The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie soccer program throughout the school year. For more information, email [jfdgirlsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:jfdgirlsoccer@gmail.com).

# Dobie 9th-grade center goes out for bid

The project to construct the new Dobie High School ninth-grade center recently went out for bid, according to school officials.

Approved by voters in November 2014 as part

of a \$175 million bond package, the campus will be located at the southeast corner of Fuqua and Monroe. Construction is expected to cost roughly \$33 million.

## PISD honors Flickinger



The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees honored *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger (fourth from left) Thursday, Jan. 28, as the district's 2015 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. Pictured above with Flickinger at the award ceremony are, left to right, DeeAnn Powell, PISD superintendent; Nelda Sullivan, assistant secretary; Kenny Fernandez, member; Fred Roberts, member; Jack Bailey, member; Marshall Kendrick, secretary; Vickie Morgan, vice president; and Mariselle Quijano, president. South Belt principals (former and current) pictured below with Flickinger are, left to right, Steve Laymon (Thompson), Alyta Harrell (Beverly Hills), Nancy Teichelman (Stuchbery), Stephanie Wright (Beverly Hills), Jerry Speer (Dobie), Wendy Wiseburn (Frazier), Steve Jamail (Dobie), Melissa Allen (Thompson), Franklin Moses (Dobie), Dan Hoppie (Morris), Diane Wheeler (Melillo), Stacey Barber (Beverly Hills) and Jorly Thomas (Roberts).

Photos by Reesha J. Brown of Pasadena ISD



## Police seek burglary suspects

Police are seeking the public's help in identifying (at least) three men who are wanted for the burglary of the Chevron station in the 10800 block of Scarsdale at Beamer early Wednesday, Feb. 3.

According to Sgt. Robert Sanchez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, three masked men used tools to pry their way into the store around 4 a.m. Surveillance footage shows that one of the three suspects stood guard at the front door, while one went to the cigarette section and another went to a back office.

The suspects fled with roughly \$3,000 worth of cigarettes and \$1,500 in cash.

The men were in and out of the store in less than four minutes, Sanchez said.

A trail of money and cigarettes led to an adjacent parking lot, where it is suspected a getaway car was parked.

Sanchez said it is believed the same suspects targeted the La Moreliana Meat Market in the 12500 block of Beamer the previous week.

"It was the same M.O. (modus operandi)," Sanchez said.

Officials from the Houston Police Department said the suspects may also be involved in the recent burglary of the RaceWay gas station in the 1200 block of Dixie Farm Road near Interstate 45. Again, the same tactics were used in the break-in.

Anyone with information about these incidents is urged to call Sanchez at 281-481-9189.

## Early primary voting to begin Feb. 16

Early voting for the 2016 primary elections will begin Tuesday, Feb. 16, and continue through Friday, Feb. 26.

In addition to the highly publicized presidential races, voters will also decide several local races. One race of particular importance to South Belt residents is the contest for the position of Harris County Precinct 2 constable, currently held by Chris Diaz. In that race, Diaz will face challengers George Goffney Jr., Joe "Joey" Martinez and Ruben Loreto in the Democrat primary, while Daniel Vela and Joe Alanis have filed to compete in the Republican primary. Four of the five candidates – Martinez, Loreto, Vela and Alanis – all ran for the position in 2012 when Diaz narrowly defeated Zerick Guinn to replace the retiring Gary Freeman.

Local early voting polling locations include the Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 25 at 7330 Spencer Highway and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane. While the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall on Allen Genoa has served as an early voting location in years past, it was not listed at press time.

Polling hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Feb. 19; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 20; 1 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 21; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 through Feb. 26.

## CCISD's Smith given Quasar Award

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) honored Clear Creek Independent School District Superintendent Greg Smith with its prestigious 2016 Quasar Award for Exceptional Leadership in Economic Development at the organization's 23rd annual Quasar Award Banquet on Friday, Jan. 29.

The Quasar Award is presented each year to an individual who has contributed greatly to the economic wealth and diversity of the Bay Area Houston region. A well-educated workforce is one of the cornerstones of sound economic development. In recognition of this, the BAHEP leadership selected Smith. Since 2008, Smith has led CCISD and its more than 41,000 students and 5,000 staff members. Under his guidance, student performance has increased in all state indicators, as well as college entrance exams. Today, CCISD is considered one of the largest high performing school districts in Texas.

"Those who know Greg Smith see how committed he is to the students of Clear Creek ISD," said BAHEP President Bob Mitchell. "We are honored to recognize him for his long service to our schools, our children and our community."

Smith was humbled by the honor.

"Personally, I am absolutely humbled, thrilled and feel a bit unworthy of this great honor," Smith

said. "Professionally, I think this is a wonderful testimony of a great organization surrounded by supportive parents, community partners and last, but not least, extraordinary kids. I have the best job in the world in the best school district in the world. An unknown person once said, 'If you love your job, you never have to go to work.' Every morning I get up to go to a job that I love, because I am surrounded by people who love what they do. They are transforming education and educating the next generation of Bay Area business and industry leaders. I would also like to thank BAHEP, a dynamic organization, which helps our economy thrive and flourish as it helps build a better future for the entire region."

Smith was named the Superintendent of the Year in 2012 by the Texas Association of School Boards, the Top Administrator by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and the Superintendent of the Year by the Texas PTA, both in 2013.

Prior to becoming CCISD's superintendent, Smith served as superintendent in the Alvin Independent School District for seven years. Smith began his education career in 1981 as an elementary/middle school teacher in Houston ISD. In 1985, Smith moved south to Galveston ISD, where he served as assistant principal at Austin

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The new center is needed to alleviate overcrowding at the area school, as Dobie has been at its maximum capacity for several years.

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

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

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

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

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

By 2018-19, enrollment at Dobie is expected to reach 4,200. PISD officials expect the proposed campus to reduce enrollment at the primary campus to approximately 3,100-3,200 students, with a capacity for enrollment at the ninth-grade center of 1,000-1,100 students.

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

"We will implement several integrated oppor-

tunities to remove the feel of isolation or exclusivity," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses.

School officials anticipate that the ninth-grade campus will help intermediate students make a smooth transition into high school.

"Ninth graders will have an additional year in which to get into the routine of high school," Moses said. "Research shows that the transition into high school is the most difficult and crucial for students. We hope that with the ninth-grade center, the year will begin much like an intermediate school and by June, it will look like Dobie High School."

The opening of the ninth-grade center will free up space at the main Dobie campus for its new Early College High School program. Also funded by the 2014 bond, the ECHS program will allow students to earn college credits while still in high school. Many students receive an associate degree at the same time they earn a high school diploma.

Moses is confident the new center will provide the necessary tools to create a positive learning environment for students.

"We are committed to providing an excellent experience for all of our ninth graders," Moses said. "The addition of a ninth-grade campus will give us an opportunity to ensure students are successful from the time they transition into high school to the time they are ready to graduate."

Officials are hoping to break ground on the new center in March. The campus is expected to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.

## Flickinger named citizen of year

By Reesha Brown, communication specialist Pasadena Independent School District

More than 120 family members, friends, community members, local dignitaries and school district employees gathered for a reception Jan. 28 to honor founder and publisher of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Marie Flickinger as the 2015 Pasadena Independent School District Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

As Flickinger entered the lobby of the Lewis Career and Technical High School, attendees greeted her with cheers and hearty applause.

"The last award I was looking for or ever thought I would get would be Pasadena [ISD Distinguished] Citizen of the Year, because [as] some of you know, I have raised some Cain in the past," Flickinger said. "But I have to tell you, I did it with heart. I am so proud today, and I want to thank the board and administration for allowing me to be recognized."

Each year, the citizens of Pasadena nominate an individual who they believe has made a positive impact on students and the community. When former PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis informed Flickinger that she was voted unanimously for the recognition, she said, "I cried."

Aside from her work at the *Leader*, Flickinger has established positive relationships through her leadership, humanitarian efforts and support of educational initiatives.

One of her attributes which has garnered re-

spect from community members is her ability to stay firm in her views even amid unpopular opinion. This is a quality that Fred Roberts, PISD board member and Flickinger family friend, will not let the community forget.

"I have to ask everybody in the room if you have ever had somebody walk up to you and say 'Marie Flickinger wants to talk to you,' and you think, 'oh God,'" Roberts joked. "If you have, please raise your right hand."

Several hands flew up as the room filled with laughter.

Roberts shared several stories about memorable times sitting in Flickinger's office, discussing school matters, highlighting her passion for career and technical education and college readiness.

"She has helped expand dual credit options, particularly College Now, which is available on all high school campuses; and career and technical initiatives, such as the Lewis Career and Technical High School," Roberts said.

"Marie told me about two or three years before this school was going to be built that y'all [referring to the board] need to have a career and technology high school, and I thought to myself, 'that's a pretty good idea.' That's the kind of person you are – a forward thinker."

While serving on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees, Flickinger advocated support of the Pasadena Early College High School (PECHS)

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## BAHEP recognizes Greg Smith



Clear Creek Independent School District Superintendent Greg Smith (center) was presented the prestigious Quasar Award for Exceptional Leadership in Economic Development at the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's 23rd annual banquet Friday, Jan. 29. Pictured above at the event with Smith are, left to right, Vic Pierson, president and CEO of Moody National Bank and BAHEP's 2015 chairman of the board and BAHEP President Bob Mitchell.

## Leader celebrates 40 years

Another year has passed, and the arrival of 2016 marks the 40th anniversary of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

Originally called the *South Belt Press*, the first edition of the paper appeared on newsstands in 1976.

Begun by housewives Marie Flickinger and Bobby Griffin, the newspaper initially focused on youth sports.

Later dubbed the *South Belt Leader*, the paper branched out and began to cover other pieces of local interest, such as flooding, civic groups,

road construction and the Brio Superfund site.

In 1987, the newspaper changed its name to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*. In 1998, Griffin sold her interest to Flickinger and her son Davy, who had worked in the company's print shop since he was 16.

Griffin continues to work part time for the paper, and Davy Flickinger now serves as president of the company.

In honor of its 40th anniversary, the *Leader* will publish a special commemorative edition later in the year.

# In My Opinion

## Maricle: concealed vs. open carry explained

Recently I have noticed a number of businesses in our community posting new 30.06 (prohibition of concealed carry) and 30.07 (prohibition of open carry) signs at their entrances. What concerns me is that the vast majority of these locations have never until now posted a 30.06 sign and have historically permitted licensed concealed carry.

As a Texas License to Carry Instructor, my initial thought is that these business owners have had the law improperly represented to them and they do not understand the new signage. If you (as the business owner) intend to prohibit licensed open carry then you need only post the new 30.07 sign and that is your right to do so, the 30.06 sign is not needed.

After talking with a few owners, I have found this to be the case since they did not mean to prohibit concealed carry (as they had never done so in the past).

This is a sensitive topic and if you have a license to carry and come across this situation, take the time to respectfully explain the difference in the new signs to the owner as they may be unaware.

One final note, on January 1st of this year, the law was changed to decriminalize concealed carry into a location with a 30.06 sign, now only a Class C misdemeanor. If you're properly concealing, it's "don't call it" but that's only my personal opinion because the criminals don't bother to read the signs.

Chuck Maricle

## Tellez: Plan and celebrate responsibly

Every football fan knows you need to have a great game plan to bring home the win, and preparing to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday is no different. Silver Eagle Distributors, the local Anheuser-Busch distributor, wants to remind fans to celebrate responsibly and call the most important play of the day: planning ahead to ensure a safe ride home, whether you're catching the game at a bar, restaurant or house party.

For those hosting parties, keep these Bud Light Party Code tips in mind to help make sure your friends and family have a good and safe time:

- Serve food for the duration of the party;
- Don't refresh unfinished drinks – let guests drink at their own pace;
- Provide non-alcohol beverages for designated drivers and adults who prefer not to drink; and
- Call a cab or ask someone to spend the night if they've had too much to drink.

Visit the 'Our Responsibility' section at Anheuser-Busch.com to download Bud Light's full playbook on getting the party started the safe way. Your friends will thank you!

Enjoy the game and, as always, thanks for celebrating responsibly and keeping our roadways safe for everyone.

Sincerely,  
**Anthony Tellez**  
 Market Manager – Pasadena  
 Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P.

## Percussion contest at Pasadena Memorial

Pasadena Memorial High School Maverick Band will host a Texas Color Guard Circuit Percussion Competition on Saturday, Feb. 6.

The contest begins at 2 p.m. and will be held in the gym. Support the various drumlines and percussion ensembles from Pasadena ISD, Clear Creek ISD and other surrounding districts. General admission is \$7. The school is located at 4410 Crenshaw in Pasadena.

## CDA meeting date changed to Feb. 8

Court Mother of Unity #2292 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Monday, Feb. 8, not on Tuesday, this month only. Any Catholic women in the area who plan to visit the court, note the day change. Meetings are held in St. Luke's social hall at 11011 Hall Road at 6:45 p.m. for supper. The meeting follows at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 281-484-4170. After this month, meetings will resume on the second Tuesday of each month.

## Pearland Republicans meet

The Pearland Area Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. Guest speaker Robert Sholly will speak on *Counterterrorism for Civilians – Adjusting to the New Normal*. Sholly is the author of the bestselling books, *Young Soldiers Amazing Warriors and Soul of Success*. Free refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. – Movie Time for Adults. Feature presentation is *Chariot*, starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant; 4 p.m. – Movie Madness will feature *Minions*, rated PG.

Friday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. – Video Games. Pre Super bowl 50 PS3 Madden Football. TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 18, 2016. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns. This service is free and is available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, Social Security cards 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 any other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return.

Remaining February Computer Classes are: Internet Basics on Feb. 10, Files & folders on Feb. 17, and Email Basics on Feb. 24. All classes will start at 2:30 p.m. and end by 4 p.m. Registration is required.

Wednesdays – Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays – Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. For more information on all programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint. Tuesdays – Pre-K Storytime from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays – Baby/Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays – Citizenship Class from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 – Spanish Computer Class, 10:30 a.m.; Manga/Anime Club, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 – Not Your Mama's Book Club at 6 p.m. Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - noon to 8 p.m., Friday - 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

## Children's home 5K Run Walk, Kids 1K set

The third annual Ima's Home for Children 5K Run/Walk and Kids 1K, will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 a.m. on the Campus of Life Church at 9900 Alameda Genoa, just west of Alameda Mall.

This event raises funds for Ima's Home for Children in Angeles City, Philippines. Ima's Home was the vision of Lead Pastor Jim Kilgore after riding through Manila and seeing a portion of the 400,000 street children hungry and homeless. His passion and burden led to the creation of this incredible facility.

Ima's Home is in its third year of operation and currently houses more than 40 children who were rescued off the streets of Manila.

To register for the 5K run, visit [www.life.cc](http://www.life.cc). Registration for the 5K is \$35; the Kids 1K is \$20. If unable to participate and would like to make a donation, visit [www.life.cc](http://www.life.cc) and donate.

Ima's Home for Children is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, nonprofit organization. For more information, visit [www.imashomeforchildren.com](http://www.imashomeforchildren.com).

## Blankets delivered to hospital



Linda Henshaw (left), leader of the local Project Linus, and the Rev. Joni Sutton, pastor of Kirkwood South Christian Church, stand in front of 162 blankets that were recently delivered to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Kirkwood South Christian Church has given Project Linus a room in its building to use as a place to work on and store blankets until time to deliver them. The Project Linus organization donates homemade blankets to children 'in crisis.' The blankets are made by many individuals and groups who bring them to the organization where they are counted, labeled and delivered to local hospitals, shelters, etc. Anyone who would like to donate homemade blankets, fabric, yarn, batting, etc. to purchase these items is welcome to call Henshaw at 281-481-3964.

Photo submitted

## Dwight Boykins announces BARC funding allocation

On Jan. 25, Council Member Dwight Boykins held a press conference to announce an important initiative regarding stray dogs in the District D community. Several concerned citizens joined Boykins to emphasize this serious issue that requires immediate action.

Boykins stated, "We are going to be 'proactive' rather than 'reactive' and work to prevent any more terrible incidents from occurring, especially for our most vulnerable citizens – our youth and senior citizens."

Boykins has allocated \$50,000 from his District Service Budget toward an aggressive overtime program for BARC-Animal Control. This allocation will pay for two vehicles to work seven hours a day, five days a week to target high-problem areas in his district, which covers most of Midtown, the Medical Center and southeast Houston.

## PISD citizen of the year recognized

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 tionship between the two institutions.

"I think all of us who see education, even from my vantage point, which is a volunteer, we know it's going to take a close partnership between those two groups to help the students of today become truly successful," Flickinger said. "Ten years ago, there was barely any communication between the ISDs and the community colleges. It took openness with Pasadena to work with San Jac. Thanks to the leadership from San Jac and Pasadena ISD, the story is so much different than it used to be."

Success of this partnership was evident when PECHS graduate Alondra Moran and senior Mariana Prado shared their personal experiences as students in the program. "I am truly grateful for the amazing opportunities that I have received as a student of the first class of graduates from PECHS. Because of this program, I, as a first year student at the University of Houston, already have more college credits than some of the juniors currently enrolled."

Moran, valedictorian of the first graduating class of PECHS, expressed gratitude to San Jacinto College, PISD and to Flickinger for the opportunity. "Because of you, Mrs. Flickinger, I was able to graduate high school with an associate degree already under my belt, and I was accepted into a top-tier university," Moran said. "Even though we have never met, you have cared enough for the education of Pasadena ISD students to advocate for a program that has changed my education."

Prado echoed Moran's sentiments. "A lot of high school seniors are nervous about beginning college next fall, but I feel confident and prepared thanks to the wonderful experience I've had in the Pasadena Early College program," Prado said. "I have also learned to set high goals and expectations for myself because I live by the PECHS philosophy: 'Make history or be history.'"

The night concluded when the PISD Board of Trustees presented the new distinguished citizen with a bronze commemorative plaque that will be placed on permanent display outside the district's administration building. "I just feel that I am extremely, extremely blessed," Flickinger said, fighting back tears. "I just want to thank all of you for your friendship and your love, your support and yes, even your criticism. And I know that we are going to work together to build a better community. I thank God for having the chance to know you and be involved in this community."

County Judge Jim Yarbrough, 1999; Robert L. Moody, Sr., 2000; Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown, 2001; Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Fonteno, 2002; House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, 2003; Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia, 2004; John Stobo, president of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, 2005; Houston Mayor Bill White, 2006; NASA administrator Michael Griffin, 2007; William A. Staples, president of the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2008; Mike Coats, director of NASA Johnson Space Center, 2009; Texas State Representative Craig Eiland, 2010; U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, 2011; U.S. Senator John Cornyn, 2012; Fred B. Griffin, owner and co-chairman, Griffin Partners, 2013; and Renu Khator, chancellor, University of Houston System, and president, University of Houston, 2014; and Bill Merrell, the George P. Mitchell '40 chair in Marine Sciences at Texas A&M University at Galveston and president of Merrell Historic Properties, 2015.

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Davy & Marie Flickinger, owners

# Deaths

## Arthur Edward McLaughlin



Arthur Edward "Art" McLaughlin, 61, formerly of South Belt, died on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015.

He was born on March 19, 1953, in Montpelier, Vt.

McLaughlin worked at the University of Houston-Clear Lake for 17 years. He also served in the National Guard for 17 years.

He worked for Comanche Trace Golf Course for 15 years.

He and Joellan were married in 1992 in the South Belt Church, where they were both members.

McLaughlin was preceded in death by his parents, Minor Edward McLaughlin and Priscilla Agnes (Moore) McLaughlin.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Joellan McLaughlin; brothers Jim McLaughlin and wife Ricki of Port Angeles, Wash., and Mark McLaughlin of Geismar, La.; sister Heidi McLaughlin of Parthenon, Ark.; nieces and nephews, Jordan McLaughlin, Cody Kurtzo, Fawn Kurtzo and Bucky Dahlstrom; aunts, uncles, and cousins; pets referred to as their kids, Rambo, Rascal and Patches; numerous friends from Freeman Fritts Animal Shelter who called him "The Candle-Man" (he liked to make candles); and his friends at Comanche Trace Golf Course and co-workers.

A memorial service will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, at The Sanctuary, 2001 Singing Wind in Kerrville, Texas.

A gathering of friends will be from 1 until 3 p.m. before the service.

McLaughlin's ashes will be scattered at his place in Mountain Home.

Condolences for the family can be made at [www.nelsonfuneralhomes.net](http://www.nelsonfuneralhomes.net).

Funeral arrangements are under the personal care of Nelson Funeral Home of Rocksprings, Texas.

## Thomas Eugene Quinones



Thomas Eugene Quinones "Gene or Papa Gene," 60, of South Belt, died peacefully on Saturday morning, Jan. 30, 2016. He was born in Houston, Texas, on July 14, 1955, one of six children to Edward and Esther Quinones.

Quinones is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Gloria Matamoros and Henrietta Rodriguez, and brother Raymond Quinones.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Ann Qui-

nonnes; son Thomas Eugene Quinones II; daughter Regena, her husband Paul Ratcliff and granddaughters Avery and Haley; sister Pauline Quinones; and brother Edward Quinones II.

Quinones always said that he didn't know what he would do without his wife, who took care of him. His pride and joy were his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends always telling stories and making people laugh. Even with his disabilities, he was still taking classes to learn more about computers. He also enjoyed his metro adventures with his friends. Quinones was said to be the type of person who never met a stranger. He always tried to be there for a family or friend who was in need. No matter his circumstances, he had a positive attitude and made plans for future vacations and local outings.

The funeral service for Quinones was held Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

## AARP 199 meets Feb. 19

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

Speakers for Friday, Feb. 19, will be Peggy Kelso and Thomas A. Zaubi from the Council for Health Education, who will present a program on *Practical Care Giving* and therapeutic classes that are being offered in the area for chronic pain via special classes such as tai chi. This is not regular tai chi, but a special class that is geared toward those who have chronic pain.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on March 16 but the location is not yet confirmed.

For those who are 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.

For more information, contact Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or [Qeshepperd@yahoo.com](mailto:Qeshepperd@yahoo.com).

## TRIAD meets Feb. 15

The Pasadena Police Department will hold its next TRIAD meeting Monday, Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Center in Pasadena.

The event highlights the message that "Knowledge is Power" when it comes to reducing the likelihood of crime perpetrated against seniors in the community. Social Security executive Andy Hardwick will speak on how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, and elder abuse. Free refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend. For more information, call 713-477-0175.

## Support for S.O.S. available

South Belt resident and parent Marqué Reed-Shackelford founded and directs a local nonprofit organization to help support parents/guardians of children with different types of sickle cell disease.

Affected families are encouraged to contact Supporting Our Sicklers (S.O.S.) For more information on the parent and guardian support group, call 832-409-SOS1 (7671) or email [sosmbrshp@gmail.com](mailto:sosmbrshp@gmail.com).

## PISD Athletics Hall of Fame banquet tickets on sale Feb. 8

A limited number of tickets for the fifth annual Pasadena Independent School District Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will go on sale Feb. 8 at the school district's sports ticket office.

Six former Pasadena ISD student athletes will be inducted at the April 9 banquet, as will the late Walter Woodard, a 1966 Rayburn High graduate whose support of community sports events earned him acclaim as Pasadena's "greatest fan."

Set for induction are the

late Horace "Smitty" Duke (Pasadena High, Class of 1960, baseball and volleyball), Donna Branch (Rayburn, Class of 1975, volleyball and track), Brian Brazil (Rayburn, Class of 1983, football), Lilly Deenon (Pasadena High, Class of 1990, volleyball), John Scheschuk (Dobie High, Class of 1995, baseball) and Shane Nance (Dobie, Class of 1996, baseball).

The banquet, set to start at 6 p.m., will be held in Phillips Field House.

The Hall of Fame Mu-

seum, an annex of the field house, will be open immediately before and after the banquet. An autograph and photo session will be held in the museum following the banquet.

Longtime Houston Rockets play-by-play commentator Bill Worrell will serve as guest emcee.

Tickets are \$50, payable by cash or check only. The ticket office is located at 2906 Dabney in Pasadena. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Dobie student opens Pet Food Bank at SeAM

A new program at Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) allows senior citizens and families in financial crisis to keep their pets. SeAM is supported by a coalition of 20 churches in the South Belt, South Houston and Pasadena areas.



Dobie senior Kallie Hart (left) and SeAM employee Laura Bradley.

SeAM provides limited financial support, clothing, school supplies and food to senior citizens and families who qualify for services.

Until now, SeAM has also been able to offer a quart-size bag of dry dog food to clients. With the addition of the Pet Food Bank, elderly individuals and qualifying families can now receive a more adequate supply of pet food. The Pet Food Bank was created by Dobie High School senior Kallie Hart. Hart is a member of South Belt area Troop 8015 and created the Pet Food Bank to fulfill requirements for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Hart's goal in creating the Pet Food Bank was to ensure that families did not lose their pets due to lack of pet food. "When a family has to decide whether to pay the light bill or feed the dog, they're not going to leave their children sitting in the dark. And a family going through financial stress does not need the added trauma of a child losing his pet, too. As for senior citizens who rely on nutritional support, many will share their limited food supply with their cat or dog in order to keep their companion pets. I believe they would rather be hungry than lonely," stated Hart. So she came up with a community-supported Pet Food Bank.

In order to keep the Pet Food Bank stocked, a youth group provides dry and wet pet food one time a year. Hart said, "This is a wonderful service opportunity for a youth group. They make their own advertising posters and collection boxes. As they collect dry pet food from members of their church or through a pet food drive in front of a grocery store, they proportion it into gallon-size bags. The bags are then delivered to SeAM on the third Saturday of the month. They are only responsible for one month's worth of pet food per year, so it is easily manageable even for very small youth groups."

At this time, there are still a few months available for interested youth groups. Groups from SeAM's coalition churches are given priority in signing up for a month, but other groups are also welcome to participate. Youth groups interested in being a part of the Pet Food Bank program can contact Kallie Hart at sweetdaisytroop@hotmail.com.

# Dobie colorguard places first, third



Dobie High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Colorguards won first- and third-place trophies at the Texas Color Guard Circuit Competition at Robert Turner College and Career High School, hosted by Dawson High School, on Saturday, Jan. 23, in Pearland. Varsity took first place in the Scholastic Regional A Red Division with their performance, *I Love You a Little*. Junior varsity earned a third-place trophy in the Novice Red Division with their show, *A Girl's Best Friend*. Pictured with their trophies are, left to right, (front row) JV members Jordan Perez,

Katherine Orta, Julissa Guerrero, Priscilla Soria, Robert Gallardo, Capt. Natalie Orta, Capt. Bailie Ankenbruck, Izayah Perez, Crystal Rodriguez, Kyrah Prince, Diamante DeLeon, (back row) varsity members Stefany Zamora, Jacqueline Orta, Victoria Sanchez, Victoria Rodriguez, Keara McHugh, Capt. Diana Nguyen, Anthony Jones, Capt. Iris Sinistera, Avery Gaytan and Director Tyler Scarberry. Not pictured is Natasha Walters. The colorguards' next competition will be at Andy Dekaney High School in Spring on Saturday, Feb. 20. Photo submitted

# JASON Learning Scientist visits Thompson STEM Den Time

JASON Learning scientist Jendai Robinson visited Thompson Intermediate's all-girl STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Den Time on Jan. 21. Robinson is working on her Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Cincinnati and works at the NASA Ames Research Center in California in the summer. She spoke with the girls in Carol Waters' STEM enrichment program and participated in the final project of the forensics unit, solving a cold case mystery designed by the students.



Robinson is helping the students solve the cold case with the STEM Den Time students. Pictured are, left to right, JASON Learning Scientist Jendai Robinson, Esperanza Cruz, Jayla Carmouche, Cammy Vo, Xitlali Martinez, Stephanie Alvarez, Aliyah Salas, Marissa Maxwell and Naomi Rodriguez.



Students show Robinson their female STEM Inspiration posters they made. Show are, left to right, (front row) Aliyah Salas, Marissa Maxwell, Xitlali Martinez, and Esperanza Cruz, (back row) district intermediate school specialist Holly Yoes, Stephanie Alvarez, Jendai Robinson, Naomi Rodriguez, Cammy Vo, Jayla Carmouche, and eighth-grade pre-AP teacher Carol Waters. Photos submitted

# Pasadena ISD sends 19 student artists to HLS & R Art Showcase

Pasadena Independent School District Fine Arts programs excelled again recently at the Rodeo Art Showcase when Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials selected 19 student artists to showcase their artwork at this year's rodeo.

Sam Rayburn High School students accounted for nearly half of the selections with one Best of Show, two Gold Medals, and six Special Merit Awards. Also, Dobie High School placed five students and Pasadena Memorial placed one student in the Special Merit category.

Jessup swept the board in the elementary category with fourth-grader Jose Luis Gomez and first-grader Christian Lopez taking Best of Show and Gold Medal.

Bondy Intermediate eighth-

grader Ashlee Williams took Best of Show in the intermediate category and Southmore eighth-grader Bryan Corona took Gold medal.

Sam Rayburn High School students Elissa Martinez, senior, and Melissa Sosa, freshman, took Gold Medals and senior Brandon Leal earned Best of Show in the high school category.

A total of 12 Special Merit Awards were earned by the following students: Pasadena Memorial senior Floyd Mendoza; Dobie High School sophomores Mallerrim Morales and Nhi Vu, juniors An Duong and Catherine Nguyen, and senior Linda Nguyen; and Sam Rayburn High School freshman Joseph Rogers, sophomore Emilio Recio, juniors Marcos Garcia and Deanna Ruiz, and seniors Lisandro

Andrade and Isaiah Avala. The winning artwork will be on exhibit at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Hayloft Gallery at the NRG Stadium March 1-20.

An award ceremony will take place in March where the students will receive

pieces from 52 surrounding districts will be judged, with only 62 pieces taken to auction for the chance to secure scholarship funds.

High school students will advance to the Grand Prix round for a chance to sell their artwork at auction. Art

# Harris County hosts first tax sale at Bayou City Event Center

Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan will join members of the Harris County delegation to kick off the grand opening of the first-ever tax sale at Bayou City Event Center.

"Through rain, sleet and scorching heat, the tax sale is moving from the steps of the county courthouse to a new and improved location," said Sullivan.

The 2015 Texas Legislature passed new laws, championed by State Senator Paul Bettencourt and State Rep. Dan Huberty, allowing the sale to operate at a more suitable location, and eventually leading to online bidding.

"Changes in the tax code regarding the monthly tax sale have been long overdue," said Sen. Paul Bettencourt. "These common sense changes will allow more people to attend the tax sale, with better parking, more space and will provide a better experience for all."

"Harris County collected more than \$31 million in 2015 from the tax sale," said Huberty. "Imagine the scope of what we can capture once we open up the auction floor to bidders nationwide."

"Each month, we help host this tax sale to sell delinquent properties that unfairly burden the taxpayers of Harris County," said Sullivan. "These properties are eyesores and blights to neighborhoods that lower property values. With this new move, I'm confident we will be able to reclaim more tax dollars and get more properties into the hands of new owners."

The Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office Property Tax Division maintains more than 1.6 million tax accounts and collects property taxes for 71 taxing entities including Harris County. The Tax Assessor-Collector's office collects more than \$6 billion in property taxes.

# 2016 Dobie Lariaette Royal Ball Court crowned



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes recently held their annual Royal Ball at La Villa Ballroom in Pasadena, with a theme of *Arabian Nights*. At the banquet, hosted by the Lariaette Social Committee, the annual Royal Ball Court was crowned, determined by team vote.

At left, Royal Ball Court winners announced at the banquet were, left to right, sophomore Duchess Adela Alanis, junior Princess Natalie Balle, and senior Royal Ball Queen Ikea Taylor. These young women were elected in large part due to their outstanding character, work ethic, respect, and representation of what a young lady and Lariaette should be on a daily basis.



The 2016 J. Frank Dobie Lariaette Royal Ball Court includes, left to right, sophomore Duchess Adela Alanis, sophomore Aleida Gonzalez, junior Alexis Sanchez, junior Princess Natalie Balle,

junior Alayna Cano, senior Queen Ikea Taylor, senior Naseem Shafaei, senior Jade Mottu, and sophomore Maria Pedroza. Photos submitted

# Mayor takes first major step toward new performance-driven budgeting

In keeping with another promise he made in his inaugural address, Mayor Sylvester Turner has signed an Executive Order (EO) requiring a new focus on outcomes, transparency and the elimination of waste and inefficient expenditures in the city budget.

The Effective Financial and Performance Manage-

ment EO envisions increased emphasis on achieving performance-based outcomes when it comes to how the city spends and manages its dollars.

"From time to time there will be challenges that force us to change course and re-evaluate our approach," said Turner. "The upcoming city

budget process is one of those times. There are well documented financial pressures ahead of us. We must make fundamental changes in how we manage our resources and in how we use them to deliver the services Houstonians not only expect, but also deserve." The Executive Order is

meant to:

- Help city leadership make informed choices through increased visibility into departmental budgets, resource allocations and service provision
  - Focus budget, capital and spending decisions on specified, measurable results and outcomes
  - Fully link operating budgets, Capital Improvement Plan, and performance metrics to clear, measurable short and long-term goals
  - Maximize city resources by eliminating waste, inefficiency and redundancy within and across departments
  - Increase public participation in assessing needs and establishing priorities that guide development of the city's operating budgets and Capital Improvement Plan.
- Success under the new plan will be measured by how well the city uses limited resources to achieve targeted outcomes and objectives. The incremental budgeting approach that relies on prior-year spending levels as

a baseline for future investment will be replaced with a performance-based approach. There will be a new focus on eliminating waste, inefficiency and redundancy in the delivery of services.

"We will hold ourselves accountable and will enable others to do the same by making city spending and performance information more transparent and accessible," said Turner. "The shift to performance-based budgeting and management will take

time, but we can make great progress as we begin to build the budget for the coming fiscal year."

A new administrative procedure is forthcoming to complement the EO and provide an outline of short-term steps to the mayor's new approach. The entire process will be managed by the city's finance department led by Director Kelly Dowe.

The EO is available at <http://www.houstontx.gov/exccorders/1-53.pdf>.

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## San Jac announces upcoming events

San Jacinto College recently released its upcoming Calendar of Events.

The San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston; the Central campus is at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; and the North campus is at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

### Legends baseball ceremony

The San Jacinto College baseball team will honor former student-athletes and coaches who have excelled in collegiate and professional baseball at the Legends ceremony on Friday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park. The team will then play Grayson College in a game that starts at 7 p.m. The first 100 fans will receive a free T-shirt. Admission to all baseball games is free. For a full season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

### Women's basketball and Play 4Kay game

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will play Coastal Bend College at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

The team will face Blinn College for the Play 4Kay game at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 13. This event is to raise awareness of breast cancer. Attendees are encouraged to wear pink, and the first 100 will receive a free pink rally towel.

Both games will take place at Nichols Gym on the North campus. Admission to all women's basketball games is free. For a full season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

### FTC Robotics

San Jacinto College will host the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics Southeast Texas Championship from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Anders Gymnasium on the Central campus. This tournament is free and open to spectators. For more information, email [cheryl.mott@sjcd.edu](mailto:cheryl.mott@sjcd.edu).

### Men's basketball

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will play Victoria College at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5.

The team will play Blinn College at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Both games will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the Central campus. Admission to all men's basketball games is free. For a full season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

### Medical Assisting Club Baked Goods Fundraiser and Blood Pressure Screening

The San Jacinto College medical assisting program will host a fundraiser and blood pressure screening from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the North campus Science and Allied Health Building. For more information, email [anna.bennett@sjcd.edu](mailto:anna.bennett@sjcd.edu).

### Expo Concert

The Central campus music department will present an Expo Concert at noon on Monday, Feb. 15, in the Monte Blue Music Building. Every San Jacinto College music program will be showcased at the concert.

### Softball tournament

San Jacinto College will host its softball tournament Feb. 13-14 at the South campus and will play the opening game against Meridian Community College at 10 a.m.

The first home game of the 2016 season will be on Wednesday, March 2, at 3 p.m., against Louisiana State University at Eunice (LSUE).

All home games are free and open to the public and are held at the San Jacinto College South campus. For a full season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

### Black History Month event

To commemorate Black History Month, San Jacinto College North campus will show *Straight Outta Compton* on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monument Room, located on the second floor of the student center. A discussion will follow the movie.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150, visit [sanjac.edu](http://sanjac.edu), or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

## LIVVY TURNS 3!

Olivia "Livvy" Moreno celebrates her third birthday Friday, Feb. 5. Wishing Livvy a wonderful birthday with lots of love, hugs and kisses are her parents, **Benny and Jenny (Hayes) Moreno** of Spring; big brother **Brayden**; big sister **Baylee**; proud grandparents **Robert and Janie Scarberry** of South Belt, **Mike and Doris Hayes** of Ada, Okla., and **Rosie Martinez and Benny Moreno** of Houston; aunt **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; uncles **Joseph Hayes, Austin Scarberry and Tyler Scarberry**; and cousins **Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers** and **Jade Scarberry**. Mom Jenny is a 1997 Dobie High grad.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANA!**  
Dana Lizik enjoys a birthday Feb. 6. Special birthday wishes are sent to Dana from her family, friends and former co-workers at the *Leader*.

**DOUBLE BIRTHDAY WISHES**  
**Bobby and Kenneth Griffin** send birthday wishes to two family members Feb. 8. Grandson **Kenney Griffin**, son of **Angela and David Griffin** of Plain City, Utah, turns 24. On that same day, son-in-law **Jim Giles** of Kirkwood South celebrates a birthday. His wife, **Tracy**, and children **Aaron, Cody and Kristen**, join in sending birthday wishes.

**ONE MORE FOR CHRIS!**  
**Chris Clark**, president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, celebrates a birthday Feb. 10. Happy birthday greetings are sent to Chris from wife **Mary** and "babies" **Zelda and Maude**. Special birthday wishes are sent from the *Leader*, and a big thank-you for all he does for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber and the community.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 4 through Feb. 10.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Feb. 4 for **Lisa Baumann**. On Feb. 7, **Keonne Alvis** enjoys a birthday. Sing a happy birthday song to **Andrew Reza** Feb. 8.

**Bush Elementary**  
On Feb. 4, double birthday greetings are sent to **Evangelina Castillo** and **María Palacios**. On Feb. 5, sing a happy birthday song to **Ixida Quintero**.

**Frazier Elementary**  
**Gerri Watkins** celebrates a birthday Feb. 6. Blow out the birthday candles on Feb. 7 for **Evelyn Baldauf**.

**Meador Elementary**  
**Cindy Vantilburg** celebrates a birthday Feb. 4. Feb. 5 is the day for **Felipe Saucedo** to celebrate a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **María Gonzalez** Feb. 8. **Sandra Richey** is sent birthday greetings on Feb. 10.

**Moore Elementary**  
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Debbie Pampell** Feb. 4. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 6 is **Angelica Perez**.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 4 is **María Montes**. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 7 is **Audrea Taylor**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
**Wendy Almaguer** celebrates a birthday Feb. 6. **Lisa Leos** is wished a happy birthday Feb. 10.

**Meillo Middle School**  
**Maureen Howard** and **Dawn Tomlinson** celebrate a birthday Feb. 9.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 7 to **Alexa Zurbano**. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 10 is **Lonnie Tanner**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Send a happy birthday card Feb. 10 to **Tina Garza**.

**Thompson Intermediate**

**Mark Varian** enjoys a birthday Feb. 5. The day for a party for **Bill Kirchman** is Feb. 10.

**Dobie High**  
Light the birthday candles Feb. 4 for **Shannon Howard, Kristi Vance** and **Sandra Villarreal**. On Feb. 5, give three birthday cheers for **Roy Grant, Nichole Kemp** and **Michael Vanessen**. **Derek Beckham, Francisca Garza, Ammie Govers** and **Erin Richardson** share a birthday on Feb. 8. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 9 are **Marissa Alexander, Kelli Brown** and **Richard Ortega**. Special birthday wishes are sent Feb. 10 to **Lori Carte, Christopher Cisneros, Deborah Cortez** and **Helen Torocco**.

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

Thursday, Feb. 4: **Devon Mauro, Bobby Kramer, Willie Delagarza** and **Deborah Carmona**; Friday, Feb. 5: **Chris Crow** and **James Kelso**; Saturday, Feb. 6: **Brian Pugh, Dana Lizik, Ken Mesecher, JoAnn Camp, Raymond Campos, Farah Kamal, Chasity Napper** and **Lisa Jackson**; Sunday, Feb. 7: **Lori McBride, Paula Barnett** and **Mayve Rodriguez**; Monday, Feb. 8: **Angela Boike, Amy Gabbard, Kim Scott, Sonal Patel, Mark Stanley** and **Betty Shifflett**; Tuesday, Feb. 9: **Erica Rodriguez, Amanda Bergeron, Tracy Mathieu, Anita Nickelson** and **Tammy Schweigert**; and Wednesday, Feb. 10: **Kathy Ramirez, Morgan Wingo, Angie Baucum, Jesse Chavez, Efrain Padua, Christina Parasco** and **Mike Huffman**.

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## Honor a San Jac veteran with name plate, donations

With the completion of San Jacinto College Foundation's three Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success, anyone can help a veteran achieve his or her dream through emergency funding.

Each center is staffed with trained and certified personnel to help assist student veterans in their transition back into civilian life.

Each campus Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success hosts a Wall

of Honor to pay tribute to the men and women who have served in the military. Consider honoring a family member or loved one through the purchase of a name plate. The cost is \$250 per plate which includes the engraving of name, rank and branch of service.

Contributions will not only honor a veteran but also help a veteran student achieve his or her dream. A name plate can be purchased online at [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu).

## UHCL hosts Spring Open House Feb. 27

Spring Open House welcomes prospective transfer and graduate students to the University of Houston-Clear Lake on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Attendees can apply without the application fee, meet faculty and staff, and tour the campus, which sits on a 524-acre nature preserve. The event will also feature an MBA mixer, and some programs will offer on-the-spot admissions decisions.

For prospective interna-

tional students, the application fee will be discounted \$45.

Knowledgeable staff will also be available to assist with completing 2016-2017 FAFSA applications for financial aid.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/openhouse>.

To arrange for a large group or an accommodation for a disability, contact the Office of Admission - Special Events team at 281-283-2515 or [OpenHouseRSVP@uhcl.edu](mailto:OpenHouseRSVP@uhcl.edu) at least one week prior to the event.

## Prasain named Leaders of Promise scholar

Samyam Prasain, San Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Jacinto College student and International Honor Soci-



San Jacinto College student Samyam Prasain was recently named one of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's annual Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

ety member, was recently named one of the annual Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholars.

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship program awards up to 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each, a total of \$200,000 annually to PTK students. Of these awards, 25 scholarships are earmarked for current members of the military or military veterans.

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship program provides new PTK members with financial resources to assist in educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college in order to develop leadership potential through participation in PTK programs.

"It's an honor to be named as a Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholar," said Prasain. "I joined PTK because the organization presents a lot of opportunities, especially scholarships, and helps members excel outside of the classroom as well. I work part time at the San Jacinto College South campus as a biology lab technician, so this scholar-

ship is a very big help."

Prasain added that many students avoid applying for scholarships due to the required essay portion of most scholarship applications. Whether they lack confidence in their writing skills, or are not sure where to start or how much to say in their responses, many students miss out on scholarships simply because they get intimidated by the writing portion.

Along with visiting the college's student success centers for writing help, Prasain encourages students to be honest and allow committee readers a little

glimpse into their lives so they can understand why they need those scholarship funds to succeed. "I would suggest that scholarship applicants be real in their essays. Tell them exactly why you need financial support and why you feel that you deserve it. Scholarship committees want to know that they are helping students who need it the most, but who will also put the most effort into their education."

Prasain is currently a life science major at San Jacinto College and plans to transfer to the University of Texas to continue on a pre-medical degree pathway.

### CCART meets Feb. 9

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Featured speaker will be Kerri Taylor who will discuss human trafficking in the Bay Area and the Unbound organization.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering and coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. At the close of the meeting, the annual Valentine Fried Chicken/Pot Luck Luncheon will be served. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole, or dessert to share. CCART will provide the chicken.

All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$45.

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### 40 years ago (1976)

Officer K. F. McCreight of the Pasadena Police Department landed his helicopter in the middle of the parking lot of Frazier Elementary.

Construction of the new Southeast Volunteer Fire Department began with a 50-foot-by-50-foot slab in the Scarsdale subdivision.

### 35 years ago (1981)

A group of local residents led by Green Tee's Jerry Kacal attended a meeting of the Clear Creek School Board to make a plea for construction of either an intermediate or high school to be constructed west of the Gulf Freeway or Old Galveston Road.

A proposed 1981 budget of \$18,521 was approved by the membership of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League at a meeting.

### 30 years ago (1986)

Danny Delafield and Carmen Orozco were elected to the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Justice Department attorney Robert Moore said the U.S. Justice Department was expected to rest its case alleging discriminatory hiring practices in PISD

### 25 years ago (1991)

Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman began mounted patrol at El Franco Lee Park and South Belt Hike and Bike Trail.

To better understand all the complicated data generated by the Brio Superfund Site, Homes, Environment, Lives in Peril (H.E.L.P.) received \$100,000 from two Technical Assistance Grants. The TAGs were made available to the general public by the Environmental Protection Agency to hire independent technical experts to study documents produced by the Potentially Responsible Parties and the EPA.

### 20 years ago (1996)

Dobie students Christopher Farris and Carl Walker were selected to the all-state band.

Dobie's academic decathlon team was seeded first in the state competition after winning regionals with 49,888 points.

### 15 years ago (2001)

*South-Belt Ellington Leader* celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Dobie High School's academic decathlon team won first in region competition.

Mayor Lee Brown and Councilman Rob Todd attended the Capital Improvement Projects meeting.

Three robbery suspects linked to 14 insurance heists were caught.

Dobie cheerleaders vied for a third national title in Orlando, Fla.

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman announced a countywide warrant sweep.

Metro shuttles provided the only transportation to the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest and Rodeo Houston.

### 10 years ago (2006)

San Jacinto College South President Dr. Linda Watkins announced her retirement. The retirement was to be effective August 31, 2006, but she later decided to postpone the date.

The upcoming 10th anniversary of the annual South Belt Cookoff was anticipated to be the largest to date.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, would mark the 30th anniversary of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*. Originally started by Marie Flickinger and Bobby Griffin as the *South Belt Press*, it became the *Leader* in Oct. 1978. The name Ellington was added onto the July 30, 1987 edition.

### 5 years ago (2011)

Dobie High School's academic decathlon team captured first place in the Region V competition, with Clear Brook High School finishing second. In all, Dobie scored 49,028 points, compared to Clear Brook's 42,381. The regional title was Dobie's second in a row. The school produced national championships in 1992 and 1996.

Clear Brook's academic decathlon team advanced to the state competition. The team's top scorers were Bailey Sincox, Graham Montgomery and Keijiro Hayashi.

The Rev. Mark M. Pedersen was named the new pastor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. He replaced William "Bill" Newcomb, who was transferred to Pattison United Methodist Church in Pattison.

### 1 year ago (2015)

J. Frank Dobie High School announced its Hall of Honor inductees. Distinguished alumni included Bob Mitchell (Class of 1973), president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; Leonard Cherry (Class of 1974), president of Cherry Companies; Randy McEachern (Class of 1974), former University of Texas quarterback; Kevin Sherrington (Class of 1974), sports journalist; and Reed O'Connor (Class of 1983), federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Airman 1st Class Kyle "Pete" Wells (Class of 1979) was honored as a fallen hero. The late Catherine Haney, who served as both a history teacher and Aca-

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## San Jac Certified: From janitor to executive Grad overcomes obstacles to become college president

Dr. Lonnie Howard, San Jacinto College Class of 1993, was told in elementary school that he was not college material. Defying the odds, born in a small shack that had no running water, a first-generation minority student, and placed in developmental classes, Howard not only attended college, but also excelled, earning five college degrees. He now serves as president and CEO of Clover Park Technical College, a two-year college located near Tacoma, Washington.

After barely graduating from high school, attending college seemed remote. Academically ill-prepared and with no financial resources, he had few options except to join the U.S. Army. Following military service, with few marketable skills, he took the first job he could find as a janitor in "a very dirty industrial shop." Through diligence, he worked his way up to a welder's helper and eventually to a mid-level management position. As a journeyman welder in the North Channel area, he found himself laid off and heard about the San Jacinto College welding technology program.

Having unsuccessfully tried another two-year college almost a decade earlier, but still wanting a degree, he hesitated to enroll at San Jacinto College. "When I visited the campus, I found a friendly and encouraging environment," he commented. "The faculty and staff were simply amazing, giving me much

needed confidence. Despite requiring developmental classes (now called college preparatory classes), I remembered my mother's favorite saying as a child, 'It doesn't really matter where you start, the important thing is where you finish.' So I was hopeful that San Jacinto College would help me get on track."

He did more than just get on track. He performed so well as a student that Bill Root, the college's welding department chair at the time, recommended that Howard apply to become his replacement. When Howard earned an associate

welding technology degree from San Jacinto College, he decided to take Root up on his recommendation and was named the welding department chair when Root retired.

Howard says non-credit developmental classes were key to his overcoming anxieties and doing well as a college student, something he once thought would never happen. "On a scale of 1 to 10, I would rank my developmental education experience as 10," he commented. "Developmental courses provided an excellent foundation for my credit classes, such as math

and English. In fact, I still use some of that learning today in my job as college president."

Howard adds: "If it wasn't for my associate degree from San Jacinto College, I would never have earned a general studies associate degree from Houston Community College, a bachelor's degree, and a master's degree in occupational technology from the University of Houston." He went on to graduate among the top of his class (4.0 grade point average) with a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Texas. He also has participated in post-doctoral training at Penn State University and Harvard University.

He not only diligently prepared academically, Howard also applied himself diligently as an educator, successfully serving in key positions at universities as well as community colleges. He progressed quickly from department chair, academic researcher, educational consultant, associate vice president of instruction, interim vice president of academic affairs, director of university outreach, executive director of the school of professional studies, to college president.

As an alumnus of two community colleges, and now serving as president of a two-year technical college, Howard knows firsthand about the value such institutions provide. "Not everyone wants or needs a formalized four-year

college degree," he said. "Some want to earn a one-year certificate, learning entry-level skills for immediate employment. Others opt for associate degrees to enter the job market with professional-technical skills. And for those pursuing bachelor's degrees, two-year colleges offer more affordable transfer options. Also, two-year colleges provide professional development and workforce solutions for business and industry."

He says the low cost and open admissions policies are unique features about most community colleges that set them apart. "For many, cost is a huge factor and open admissions helps to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity to transform their lives," commented the San Jac Certified graduate. "Without us and the educational access we provide, their hope of achieving the American Dream would remain just that, merely a dream."

Reflecting on his remarkable journey from janitor to college president, Howard says there's no great mystery or secret formula for achieving success. "Anyone can achieve some measure of success with hard work, integrity, and education," he said. "That's my mantra. I am living proof. Trust me, if I can do it, anyone can."



Dr. Lonnie Howard graduated from San Jacinto College in 1993 and now serves as president of Clover Park Technical College. Photo submitted

## Say 'Thanks' to the CCISD Board of Trustees

The month of January in Texas is School Board Recognition Month, and the Clear Creek Independent School District joins other districts across the state as they honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for public education.

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of rapid change and financial challenges," said CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith. "These men and women are elected to

tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. We are extremely grateful for their efforts on behalf of our students and staff."

Each school board trustee in Texas is required to complete eight hours of training every year. The CCISD Board of Trustees went above and beyond in the 2014-2015 school year completing a total of 203 hours instead of the required 56. Dr. Laura DuPont serves as president, Page Rander is vice presi-

dent, and Charles Pond is secretary, while Ann Hammond, Ken Baliker, Win Weber and Jay Cunningham serve as trustees.

The Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees was selected as the 2014 Region 4 Honor Board, a state finalist for the top honor board in Texas and received the 2014 Texas School Board Excellence Award at the Texas A&M University John Hoyle Administrative Leadership Institute.

The CCISD Board of Trustees provide a crucial

link between the community and classroom. "Our children benefit every day from the hard work and long hours contributed by our trustees," said Dr. Smith. "Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.'"



CCISD Board of Trustees shown are, left to right, (front row) Vice President Page Rander, Superintendent Greg Smith, President Laura DuPont, (back row) Trustees Ann Hammond and Jay Cunningham, Secretary Charles Pond, and Trustees Win Weber and Ken Baliker. Photo submitted

### Wedding, engagement policies

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## Dittrich, George marry

Ellen Marie Dittrich and Garnett Wayne George were united in marriage on Dec. 12, 2015, at the Chapel at Ana Villa, The Colony, Texas. Jim Siegfried, friend of the bride and the George family, officiated the double-ring ceremony. The bride was escorted by her father, and given in marriage by her father and mother. Maids of honor were Alicia Dittrich and Monica Sanders. Bridesmaids were Monique Dilonga, Sally Wu, Julie Zhu and Rachel Forbes. Serving as best man was Cameron Ryan George, and groomsmen were Ryan Serr, Wade Hasenour, Robbie Birdwell, Steven Dittrich and Tyler Schexneider. The ring bearer was nephew Liam Shreck, and the flower girl was Kalani Faye Dittrich, niece of the bride. The bride is the daughter of Fayellen and Tony Russell of Sageglenn and Ken and Maggie Dittrich of Friendswood. She grew up in Sageglenn and graduated from Clear Brook High School in 2009. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Merchandising from the University of North Texas and currently works for Ansira Engagement Marketing, as well as working as a promotional model and brand ambassador in the Dallas area. The groom is the son of Kenneth and Sherri George of Bedford, Texas. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Digital Media from Baylor University. He is currently employed by The Electric Light & Power Company as a film set technician. He has worked off- and on-screen on many commercials, videos and movies filmed in the Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana areas. The couple is planning a honeymoon in Canada in early 2016. They reside in Addison, Texas.



## Education foundation ranks among top 10 nationally

The Pasadena Independent School District Education Foundation was recently named one of the top 10 foundations in a national Stepping Up study conducted by Dewey and Associates, advocates for K-12 education.

Pasadena ISD placed ninth in the study, tying with Indian River County in Florida. This is the education foundation's second year to place in the top 50 in 2014. "Pasadena ISD is blessed

with educators that think beyond the everyday curriculum," Cindy Parmer, education foundation executive director said. "The Education Foundation, with the support of donors, is able to bring their ideas to life making Pasadena ISD classrooms and campuses better places to learn."

This year's Stepping Up study opened up the competition to education foundations in the 200 largest school districts by population. Pasadena ISD was

ranked with districts in division 4, which included foundations with less than \$500,000 in revenue.

Each foundation was evaluated on eight key performance categories to determine the rankings; annual revenues, revenues per student, total assets, assets per student, investment income, total program expenses, expenses per student and volunteers. The goal of the study is to raise awareness of the importance of education foundations.

"Most parents have never heard of their local K-12 education foundation, yet nearly all children are impacted by the foundation's work," said Dewey Caruthers, president of Dewey & Associates and author of the study. "Education foundations enhance public education in many vital ways, for instance,

with scholarships that send low-income students to college, arts and music programs that open children's minds to more than a high stakes test and dropout pre-

vention efforts that keep students from quitting, just to name a few."

To see the full results of the study, visit [www.deweyandassociates.com](http://www.deweyandassociates.com).

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## Vo enjoys visit with Silva during lunch



Stuchbery Elementary School receptionist Angelica Silva (back) takes time out of her busy day to visit with Angel Vo during her lunchtime. Vo is in the afterschool program at Stuchbery where Silva helps her with her homework most of the week, and tries to make her feel welcome and loved. Vo is a student in Salma Meziou's first-grade class.

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# Southeast VFD members honored

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Left to right, Chief Chuck Tylka presents the Officer of the Year award to Capt. Long Dinh for his dedication and professionalism as a senior fire officer and seasoned paramedic for the Southeast VFD. Dinh started the Recruit Class that is responsible for training new members joining the department, and he is responsible for weekly training for all members of the department. Also shown is Asst. Chief David Cino.



Chief Chuck Tylka (center) presents the Award of Merit to Asst. Chief David Cino (left) and Senior Paramedic Dean Baier for their hard work and dedication in putting on the annual South Belt Spectacular Barbecue Cookoff. These men work untold hours without pay to put on the cookoff that funds the annual free July 4th Fireworks for the neighborhood. Not only do they hold full-time jobs, they volunteer countless hours for the SVFD and still find time to organize, construct and manage the best cookoff on this side of Harris County.

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Asst. Chief David Cino (right) congratulates Giovanni Liceaga on being selected as Medic of the Year. Liceaga has been with the department for only three years and has become a full paramedic in that time, and volunteers many hours weekly for the community. Also shown is Chief Chuck Tylka.



Chief Chuck Tylka presents Brian Wells his Award Bugle to commemorate 25 years with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department in the role of firefighter.



At left, Chief Chuck Tylka presents Mel DeAngel the award for Firefighter of the Year. DeAngel has been with the department less than three years and was instrumental in staffing the new Recruit Program to train new members of the SVFD.

Photos by Davy Flickinger



Chief Chuck Tylka presents the award for Volunteer of the Year to new members Karen Smith and Colleen Lamb for their hard work in building, equipping and manning the first Rehab Unit 57 for the Southeast VFD. This unit not only provides meals, drinks and shelter for members during an extended deployment, but, both being nurses, they monitor the health and well being of SVFD members during those times. Also shown is Asst. Chief David Cino.

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Pearland pair to relocate; Manvel to 5A

## Dobie, Pasadena ISD to welcome back Deer Park, La Porte in 22-6A

The Pasadena ISD schools are about to take a trip back in time, reviving some of the district's deepest athletic rivalries. The University Interscholastic League released its two-year (2016-2017, 2017-2018) realignment plan Feb. 1, and along the way reunited the PISD schools with La Porte and Deer Park in District 22-6A. Gone are Pearland and Dawson (headed to District 23-6A) as well as Manvel (dropped to Class 5A).

Alvin, currently in the 22-6A field, is on the move as well. The Yellow-jackets will be joining the

Clear Creek ISD schools as well as Dickinson and Friendswood to form District 24-6A.

Perhaps one of the biggest surprises locally is that Pearland and Dawson will move to 23-6A alongside Alief ISD schools Elsie, Hastings and Taylor. Brazoswood and George Ranch will round out 23-6A.

**PISD load eases**  
Two years ago at this time, it could have been argued that the Pasadena ISD schools were dealt a harsh blow as athletic powers Dawson, Pearland and Manvel all came swooping in to District 22-

6A. As expected, those three schools have earned their fair share of play-off spots in many of the team sports to this point, and Alvin has particularly stood out in several of the girls' sports.

There aren't any head coaches begging for things to get any easier from a

competitive standpoint, but perhaps a certain level of fairness is appreciated.

With that said, the Pasadena ISD schools and their head coaches could

be breathing a sigh of relief in reference to the new arrangement.

Certainly La Porte and Deer Park athletic programs are traditionally

competitive. But from an across the board viewpoint, the traffic in the new District 22-6A figures to be easier to navigate.

That, plus the PISD is now guaranteed two entries into the postseason in all team sports.

**What about NS?**  
The Longhorns have gone against North Shore in the 6A Division I football playoffs in each of the last five seasons. Locals frequently ask how this can be avoided.

The best answer now, based on this realignment? Beat Deer Park and claim the top seed in the Division I playoff bracket.

In the new 22-6A ranks, Deer Park and Dobie possess the largest student enrollment figures, meaning both would move on to the Division I bracket in a postseason scenario.

North Shore will remain in District 21-6A,

and the defending state champions will certainly be favored to win another district title later this fall. But if Dobie occupies the top seed in 22-6A, a sixth straight first round playoff matchup with North Shore will likely be avoided.

Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman told the *Leader* no time will be wasted in establishing his program's battle cry:

It's time to chase the District 22-6A title.

"We're definitely going to be pushing our guys to go after the district championship," Norman said.

"Obviously, that's the focus every year, but I think it's fair to say the road is a bit clearer now.

"And our guys have never faced Deer Park and La Porte in district competition. That'll be fun."

**Continued on Page 3B**

### District 22-6A

(As of 2016-2017 school year)

- Deer Park
- Dobie
- La Porte
- Memorial
- Pasadena
- Sam Rayburn
- South Houston

### District 24-6A

(As of 2016-2017 school year)

- Alvin
- Clear Brook
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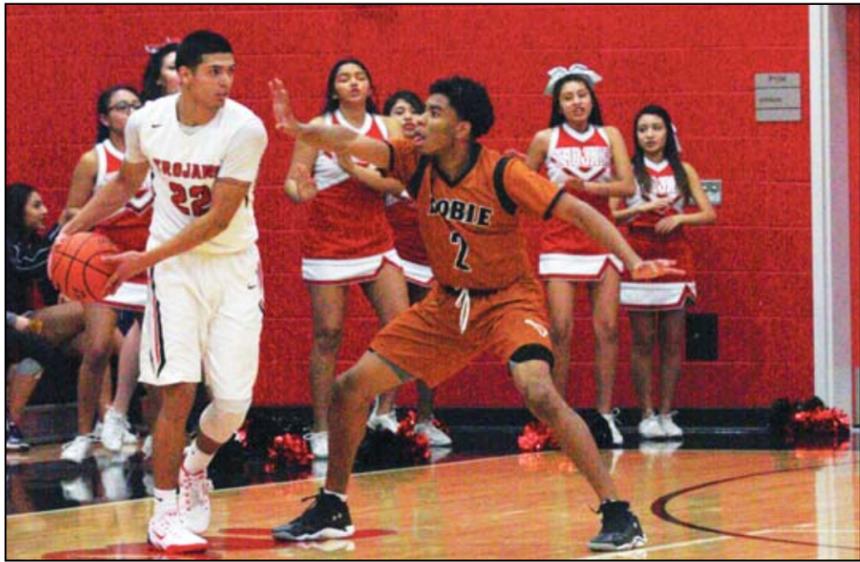
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## Surging SoHo downs Dobie

At right, Nick Hernandez (22), South Houston's leading scorer this season, is defended by Dobie's Jonathan Cooper (2) during the first half of a huge 22-6A contest Feb. 2, at South Houston. Hernandez shook off a slow start and finished with 17 points, including a key 3-point play down the stretch, as the Trojans held off the Longhorns 62-57. South Houston is tied with Dawson at 12-1 in the league standings, with Dobie battling for a playoff berth at 7-5. The Trojans, while winning their ninth straight game in 22-6A play, snapped Dobie's six-game winning streak. See more on Page 6B.

Photo by John Bechtel



## Franklin/Kramer tennis arrives Feb. 5

Dozens of varsity tennis players representing a variety of talented high school programs from across the Houston area will be on the scene as the annual Franklin/Kramer Varsity Tennis Invitational plays out Friday, Feb. 5.

Dobie High School is one of the host sites along with Pearland, Dawson, Friendswood, South Houston, Memorial and Deer Park (both sites). The Harry Taylor Tennis Center at Strawberry Park is also in the mix.

Players will compete in boys' and girls' A and B singles, boys' and girls' A and B doubles and mixed doubles. Dobie will host the mixed doubles action

beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Kramer division, honoring former long-time Dobie varsity tennis coach Bobby Kramer, will include Dobie as well as Tomball, Magnolia West, Friendswood, Kempner and others.

The Jerry Franklin Division, honoring the former Sam Rayburn head coach,

will include Clear Lake, Deer Park, Atascocita, Clear Falls, Baytown Sterling and others.

Dobie's competitors will include Luis Cabreja (A) and Albert Luu (B) in boys' singles, Sergio Escobedo and Tina Ha (A) and Alex Cuaping and Mylan Phan (B) in mixed

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## Longhorn boys keep 22-6A wins coming

Living up to advanced billing, the defending District 22-6A champion Dobie varsity boys' soccer team is keeping the wins coming.

Scoring a 5-1 win over Dawson on the road in Pearland Feb. 2, the Longhorns improved to 4-0-1 in league play, giving the team 13 points.

Pasadena Memorial and Manvel are also unbeaten in league play to this point, but the Long-

horns are on the move as well. Dobie will take on

Memorial Feb. 12, to close out the first half of 22-6A

action. Despite a 1-1 slip up against Manvel that included a shootout loss, the Longhorns have kept pace.

The team easily blanked South Houston 5-0 Jan. 30, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Sloppy goalkeeping coupled with several defensive lapses definitely hurt South Houston. However, Dobie was clearly the better team on this day.

Then came the win over the Dawson Eagles on the road.



Dobie boys' soccer coasting

With wins over South Houston and Dawson, the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team is keeping pace with the leaders in the District 22-6A race. Above, the Longhorns' Thomas Carte (13) works against a South Houston midfielder during the Longhorns' 5-0 victory Jan. 30, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. See more soccer on Page 6B.

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## Local news, notes

### SJC hoop hosts youth night

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will host local recreation leagues and school programs at Youth Night on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m., during the Ravens' game against Lamar State College-Port Arthur. The game is at Anders Gymnasium on the Central campus.

Local youth basketball players are encouraged to attend the game free of charge. The first 100 basketball fans to arrive, ages 18 and younger, will receive a free mini basketball.

"We're asking all local youth basketball groups to come out and watch us play," said SJC head coach Scott R. Gernander. "This will give them an opportunity to see a higher level of basketball and to meet some of the guys for autographs after the game. It's fun for us but, hopefully, even more fun for them."

The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

### Rising Stars Track Club

The South Belt Track Club is preparing for the upcoming spring/summer season by hosting continuing registration and workout sessions at Dobie High School.

Team officials will be at Dobie Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon, signing up both returning and first-year athletes for competition in the Amateur Athletic Union program.

The registration fee includes a team uniform as well as meet dues up to the national meet, which is to be held in Houston this summer.

SBTC will continue weeknight workouts at Dobie each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m. All Saturday workouts are from 10 a.m. to noon.

For additional information about the longtime area track program or to access online registration options, visit [sports.bluesombrero.com/risingstars](http://sports.bluesombrero.com/risingstars) track. Qualifying members from the team will have the chance to compete at nationals in Houston this summer.

### Keep Kids In School golf

The 7th annual Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament will drive its total goal to \$1 million to benefit Communities in Schools-Bay Area's program to keep kids on the path to success through graduation and beyond. The program impacts 15,000 students in Clear Creek and Dickinson school districts with funds raised at the tournament.

The all-inclusive shamble tournament will be held April 18 at Bay Oaks Country Club. Communities in Schools-Bay Area works in 14 schools identifying at-risk students.

Campus coordinators work with students referred by teachers, parents or other students. In addition to this one-on-one help, school-wide events promote paths to success.

To help continue this program, underwriting and sponsorships in the Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament are still available. These sponsorships will aid in reaching the \$1-million goal.

For more information on the tournament and donation opportunities, call Hillary Gramm at 281-486-6698 or direct email to her at [hillaryg@cisba.org](mailto:hillaryg@cisba.org).

### PISD hall tax available

A limited number of tickets for the Fifth Annual Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will go on sale Feb. 8 at the school district's sports ticket office.

Six former Pasadena ISD student-athletes will be inducted at the April 9 banquet, including Dobie graduates Shane Nance and John Scheschuk. Former longtime Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Donna Branch will also be inducted.

The banquet, set to start at 6 p.m., will be held in Phillips Field House. Longtime Houston Rockets play-by-play commentator Bill Worrell will serve as guest master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$50, payable by cash or check only. The ticket office is located at 2906 Dabney, in Pasadena. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Gonzalez, Kerl help San Jac softball to 3-2 start

If Gabby Gonzalez and Katlin Kerl have anything to say about it, the San Jacinto College softball team just might have quite the powerful offense this season.

There were low points – San Jacinto lost to Tyler 4-1 in its season opener and also lost to Division II power LSU-Eunice 7-0 – but SJC's overall trip to Galveston Jan. 29-30 was a hit.

Gonzalez, the team's top-producing offensive player from a season ago, was just one of the big bats that emerged for the locals.

Kerl, a freshman shortstop from Silsbee, went a combined 7 for 7 with five

runs driven in during two of the team's wins.

Taylor Office played a big role in the win over the University of Houston-Victoria, sending a grand slam over the fence.

Another offensive force over the two days was Dani Damian, who had three hits against UHV and also had a two-run double against Kilgore.

San Jacinto pounded Kilgore 12-0, handed UHV an 11-4 loss and also dispatched Rose State 4-3, going 3-2 overall in the season-opening tournament for National Junior College Athletic Association programs.

In the loss to Tyler, Gonzalez collected San

Jacinto's lone hit, a solo home run.

Starting pitcher Carol Rabbe went 2-1 during the five games, and Niki Gonzalez struck out two in the final frame against Rose State for a save.

Sarah Holden also earned her first career win, beating Rose State with help from Niki Gonzalez.

Gabby Gonzalez also homered and drove in four against Kilgore, and Missy Hernandez went 2 for 3 with a pair of runs scored and a run batted in against Kilgore.

While the San Jac offense produced just one run in two of its losses, the three wins came with the help of 27 runs.

And the pitching staff should continue to develop. Raabe logged 11 in-

nings over her two wins, and Holden and Niki Gonzalez are being counted on

to log additional innings. Niki Gonzalez allowed three home runs against

LSU-Eunice, the preseason Division II No. 10 nationally-ranked team.

## Lady Rocket hoops starts 3-0



The Lady Rockets, an 11-12-year-old girls' basketball team in the City of Pasadena Youth Basketball League, got off to a hot start in the regular season with a 3-0 record. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Maya Scott, Kystal Benitez, Ashlyn Ross, (back row) Koko Wooley, Krystin Nelson, Alexicia Rangel, Vanessa Lam, Alyssa Garza and coach David Lam.

## Dobie, Brook baseball start preseason Feb. 9

It all gets started for the Longhorns Tuesday, Feb. 9, with a scrimmage against Westside at Maguire Field in Pasadena. The action begins at 4 p.m.

On Feb. 12, the Longhorns will play at Baytown Sterling High School, at 3:30 p.m. There's another road scrimmage for Dobie Feb. 15, at Galena Park (4 p.m.) before a final scrimmage against North Shore Feb. 19, at Dobie. That action begins at 2:30 p.m.

The goal is to be ready to go Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the District 22-6A opener against defending league champion Pearland. Varsity game time is 7 p.m.

In a perfect world, Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres will choose between senior right-handers Jesse Paredes and Tyler Myers on the mound against Pearland.

Paredes was the Newcomer of the Year in District 22-5A in 2014 when the Longhorns won the league title, but arm troubles a season ago largely forced Paredes into the designated hitter role.

As for Myers, the now three-year letterman saw his first significant time on the mound in 2015 and wound up being a 22-6A first team selection, leading the Longhorns in wins while picking up a couple of big Ws during the team's successful playoff push.

Like in 2014 with Mike Munoz and Paredes pitching 1-2 for them, the Longhorns could possess perhaps the district's top pitching duo for 2016 in

Myers and Paredes.

Another senior right-hander, Kaelon Woods, saw a good bit of time a season ago and should push for considerable action. Woods has signed a letter of intent to attend Texas Southern University.

In the infield, Luis Salazar and Myers are

back at either second base or shortstop. Jeremy Green is the team's most experienced catcher after starting most of the team's games down the stretch in 2015.

In the outfield, Euro Diaz was the team's starter in center field in 2015. There are two other open-



Senior and three-year starter Jesse Paredes will play a big role for the Dobie varsity baseball team both on the mound and perhaps at first base or the designated hitter role.

## LSA soccer duo nab Player/Week honors



Lutheran South Academy boys' soccer player Andrew Canales (center) was named the MaxPreps Player of the Week during the latter portion of the Pioneers' season for outstanding play on the field. In two games, Canales had four goals in a win over Second Baptist and two goals and an assist in a win over Lutheran North. For the season to date, Canales has tallied 45 goals and 15 assists. Also, LSA's Carter Paling (left) was named the MaxPreps Player of the Week just after Canales was recognized.

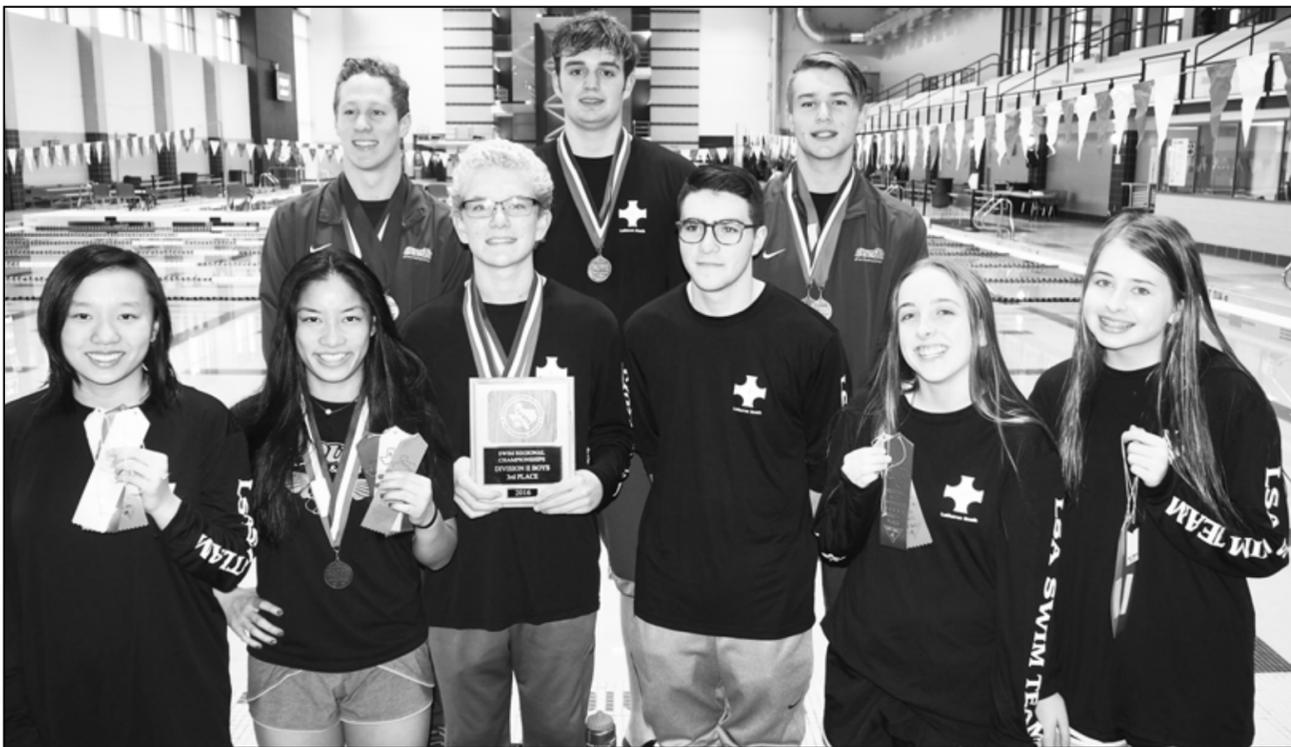
In that week, Paling made four saves as goalie in a shutout over Pope St. John. He also had a goal and an assist in a win over Northland, scored two goals and dished an assist in a win over Brook Hill and scored two goals to go with an assist in a win over San Antonio Central Catholic. For the season, Paling has compiled 30 goals and 13 assists. Both players have helped the Lutheran South boys' soccer team to a current overall record of 16-3-1, including 9-1 in district play. At right is LSA head coach Nate Hage.

## Lady Longhorns host Feb. 12 scrimmage



From left, Dobie varsity softball outfielders Alexa Munoz, Yvonne Whaley and Allison Bravo chat between innings during a 2015 game. The three are back on the field as the Lady Longhorns prepare for the upcoming season with a few more scrimmage games. Of note, Dobie will host a multi-team scrimmage Saturday, Feb. 12, at El Franco Lee Park. The action begins at 9 a.m.

## Lutheran South Academy swimmers headed to state competition



Several members of Lutheran South Academy's high school swim team performed exceptionally well at regionals on their way to qualifying for the state meet. At the regional meet at the University of Houston, LSA's Justin Roy led the way with a victory in both the 100-yard fly and the 200-yard individual medley. Trevor Marston placed second in the 500-yard freestyle event and also took fourth in the 200-yard freestyle. Lily Fehst was third in the 100-yard fly, while George Rockett captured third in the 500-yard freestyle. Lea Luke was fourth in the 100-yard backstroke, with Eric Amason fourth in the 100-yard

fly and seventh in the 100-yard backstroke. In the relays, LSA's boys' 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams were second. The girls' 200-yard medley relay squad was fifth, and the girls' 200-yard freestyle relay unit was sixth. The Pioneers will be back in action Feb. 12-13, at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Meet in San Antonio. Those state qualifiers shown include, left to right, (front row) Luke, Fehst, Rockett, Connor Vining, Addison King, Kristen Pierce, (back row) Roy, Marston and Amason.

# 22-6A to include DP, LP; 24-6A largely unchanged

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"I think from a competitive standpoint, we're going to see some great matchups. Any time realignment comes, there's an excitement in the air no matter what the outcome is. Now, we just stay the course and prepare."

Over the past several seasons, Dobie was tasked with having to defeat Pearl and in order to garner that top seed in the Division I bracket. That hasn't happened to date.

Deer Park crushed Dobie in 2015 - Norman's debut as the Longhorns' head coach - but the Deer went on to go 3-7 overall and subsequently will lose significant offensive skill position talent through graduation.

La Porte might be the wild card. When it comes to varsity football, the Bulldogs are always in the hunt for the big prize.

There are few gimmicks in head coach Jeff Lareau's program at La Porte. That is, the Bulldogs run the football and focus on tough, hard-nosed defensive play to win. The

renewal of the La Porte/Dobie matchup should be a fun one, what with the Longhorns likely to feature sophomore running back Kris Morris a good bit in 2016.

**Not much change**  
In District 24-6A, Alvin is replacing Brazoswood. In a nut shell, that is it, folks. The five Clear Creek ISD schools - Brook, Creek, Falls, Lake and Springs - welcome back Friendswood and Dickinson along with Alvin.

Clear Brook varsity football head coach Mike Allison got the Wolverines within one victory of a playoff berth in 2015, his debut season.

Granted, the Wolverines will lose dynamic offensive skill player Brandon Taylor to graduation, but Brook is nonetheless a program on the rise.

Looking ahead to next season, the Wolverines still must deal with defending league champion Clear Creek as well as Dickinson, Friendswood and Clear Springs. A competitive Alvin program

will now join the fray.

"I believe our district will be tough," Allison said of the pending realignment. "Every team in the district has some strong players coming back and Alvin will add some new challenges."

**Pearland/Alief?**

Brazoswood has found a new home in District 23-6A along with Pearl and Dawson, the Alief ISD schools and George Ranch, which is coming off a Class 5A state championship in football. Get

ready Pearl and Dawson, the game of football just got a bunch tougher.

**Aside from football**

Where it pertains to Dobie, the school's athletic programs have had and should continue to have great battles with both

Deer Park and La Porte. With that said, the chance to win a district title in several sports should be enhanced. Whether one chooses to believe it or not, the absence of Pearl and Dawson and Manvel only helps the Pasadena ISD schools moving forward in terms of postseason hopes.

Pearland is a power in football, volleyball, softball and baseball. Manvel has been a significant player in football, volleyball, both boys' and girls' basketball and track and field.

Dawson is solid in football, volleyball, both boys' and girls' basketball, tennis, track and field, etc.

In summary, Deer Park and La Porte are competitive in several team sports - both boys' and girls', but simply not at the level shown by Pearl and Dawson.

None of this means anything until the 2016-2017 school year arrives, but times are changing. The next two school years promise to be a lot of fun in PISD.

# SC, Morton Ranch to face JFD

Seemingly mere realignment plan became a University known, Dobie had filled Interscholastic League's out its nondistrict football

schedule for the 2016 and 2017 regular seasons.

## Dobie's nondistrict FB foes set

**Week 1: Summer Creek Bulldogs** - Based in the Humble ISD, the Bulldogs went 4-6 on the varsity football field in 2015 and missed the playoffs.

**Week 2: Clear Springs Chargers** - The Chargers defeated Dobie 34-32 in week two in 2015, using a last-second touchdown pass to defeat the Longhorns. Springs eventually advanced to the second round of the playoffs, finishing at 6-6 overall, including a pair of losses to eventual Class 6A Division I state champion North Shore.

**Week 3: Morton Ranch Mavericks** - Based in the Katy ISD, the Mavericks went 5-6 overall last season, falling to Houston Lamar in the bidistrict playoff round.

**Week 4: Dawson Eagles** - Turned a tight game into a 55-35 victory over Dobie in 22-6A action last season. Like Springs, the Eagles advanced to the second round of the playoffs before falling in a 49-42 shootout against Friendswood.

**Meaningless notes:** Of the four programs, only Morton Ranch (2004) was up and running when Dobie last won a varsity football playoff game in 2004. Clear Springs and Dawson opened in 2007, and Summer Creek debuted in 2009. Dobie's last win over Deer Park came in 2010 and brought with it the school's last district title. Dobie's last win over La Porte came in 2004.

Although dates, times and locations are not yet known, the Longhorns will open the 2016 season against Summer Creek.

Dobie will also take on Clear Springs, Morton Ranch and Dawson in the three weeks to follow before the District 22-6A opener.

The Longhorns have gone against Clear Springs and Dawson in the past, with reasonable success. Dobie has never played Morton Ranch or Summer Creek.

"I think it's always great to go against some different opponents," Dobie varsity football coach Mike Norman said. "I know it's fun for the players, so we're all looking forward to it."

"We certainly had our chances to beat both Clear Springs and Dawson last year, but didn't. Probably should have. Maybe this time we'll go out there and take care of business."

## Mixed doubles at Dobie Feb. 5

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doubles, Karen Neira (A) and Leilani Vargas (B) in girls' singles.

The Longhorn boys' doubles teams will include David Ho and Ricky Perez (A) as well as Steven Phan and Tommy Nguyen (B). Dobie is not expected to compete in girls' doubles.

In keeping with the trend, the Longhorns are using the spring season to prepare for what promises to be an interesting 2016 fall season.

Head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. will bid farewell to a large contingent of players who have contributed heavily to the varsity season in 2015-2016, thus welcoming in a new wave of talent.

"I've said before that this team has been the most fun to be around and in some ways really achieved more than we had even hoped for," Moreno said. "I will miss this group of seniors."

"We are excited about realignment and welcoming back some old, familiar opponents in Deer Park and La Porte. We lost Dawson and gain Deer Park. It could be said that La Porte replaces Pearl and

"In any case, we are really looking to that fall 2016 season. Some of these current players will be a part of that, and even into 2017."

"We'll be young next fall season, and we may take our lumps. But we feel pretty good about what we can eventually have out there on the court with some of these young players. Right now is a good time for them to start building confidence toward next season."

## Wolverines look ahead to 2016

**Scrimmages:** The Wolverines will have a pair of scrimmage outings prior to the start of the 2016 regular season. Things all get started with a scrimmage against the Texas City Stingarees, a program rich in tradition first in the Class 4A ranks and now in Class 5A.

Then comes a fun one. The Wolverines will scrimmage against Dobie the week prior to the start of the regular season. It's been a long while since the two teams competed during the regular season, and that now won't happen for at least two seasons. The next best thing? A scrimmage game. Many of the players from the two schools go against each other in Bay Area Football League play as youths, so this should be fun.

**Week 1: Bellaire Cardinals** - The Cardinals began last season with an 0-4 start, but then rebounded to make the playoffs. An upset of Cinco Ranch in the bidistrict round propelled Bellaire to the area round. The team wound up 6-6 overall.

**Week 2: La Porte Bulldogs** - La Porte boasts one of the region's most successful programs dating back to the 1970s, and the Bulldogs rarely deliver a poor season. In 2015, La Porte defeated Clear Brook 30-9 and eventually defeated a very good Channelview team to reach the playoffs. Even though the Bulldogs lost to Dawson in the bidistrict round, the team wound up at 8-3.

**Week 3: South Houston Trojans** - Set to enter his third season as head coach Dwayne Lane has done much to improve the view at South Houston. And the Trojans have hopes of reaching the postseason in the revamped 22-6A ranks.

## PISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Standings

Eighth-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
San Jacinto	9	0
Beverly Hills	7	2
Bondy	7	2
Park View	6	3
Thompson	6	3
Queens	4	5
South Houston	2	7
Miller	2	7
Jackson	1	8
Southmore	1	8

### Game results

Thompson 85, Jackson 45  
Beverly Hills 66, Queens 49  
Southmore 30, South Houston 20  
Park View 60, Miller 38  
San Jacinto 52, Bondy 41

Seventh-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	9	0
Beverly Hills	8	1
Bondy	7	2
South Houston	5	4
San Jacinto	5	4
Miller	4	5
Southmore	4	5
Park View	1	8
Queens	1	8
Jackson	1	8

### Game results

Beverly Hills 41, Queens 12  
Bondy 49, San Jacinto 42  
Thompson 38, Jackson 10  
South Houston 36, Southmore 30  
Miller 37, Park View 23

Eighth-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
San Jacinto	9	0
Beverly Hills	8	1
Thompson	7	2
Bondy	6	3
Queens	5	4
Southmore	3	6
Miller	2	7
Park View	2	7
South Houston	2	7
Jackson	1	8

### Game results

Thompson 50, Jackson 41  
Beverly Hills 44, Queens 30  
South Houston 33, Southmore 30  
Park View 33, Miller 30  
San Jacinto 49, Bondy 36

Seventh-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	9	0
San Jacinto	7	2
Beverly Hills	6	3
Bondy	5	4
Southmore	5	4
South Houston	4	5
Miller	4	5
Jackson	2	7
Queens	1	8
Park View	0	9

### Game results

Thompson 46, Jackson 9  
Beverly Hills 47, Queens 14  
Southmore 32, South Houston 21  
Miller 39, Park View 6  
San Jacinto 44, Bondy 19

## PISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Standings

Eighth-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	8	1
Bondy	8	1
Thompson	7	2
Queens	7	2
Park View	5	4
Southmore	4	5
Jackson	3	6
South Houston	2	7
San Jacinto	1	8
Miller	0	9

### Game results

Thompson 39, Jackson 26  
Southmore 48, South Houston 11  
Beverly Hills 41, Queens 37  
Bondy 36, San Jacinto 10  
Park View 36, Miller 20

Seventh-Grade Light		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	9	0
Miller	7	2
Bondy	7	2
South Houston	5	4
Jackson	4	5
Park View	4	5
San Jacinto	4	5
Queens	2	7
Southmore	2	7
Beverly Hills	1	8

### Game results

Thompson 42, Jackson 18  
Queens 30, Beverly Hills 10  
Bondy 23, San Jacinto 17  
South Houston 29, Southmore 15  
Park View 27, Miller 26

Eighth-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
Bondy	9	0
Queens	8	1
South Houston	7	2
Beverly Hills	6	3
Thompson	4	5
Jackson	4	5
San Jacinto	3	6
Southmore	3	6
Miller	1	8
Park View	0	9

### Game results

Queens 25, Beverly Hills 20  
Bondy 37, San Jacinto 8  
Jackson 29, Thompson 21  
South Houston 34, Southmore 18  
Miller 12, Park View 10

Seventh-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L
Thompson	9	0
Bondy	8	1
Beverly Hills	7	2
Queens	6	3
Jackson	4	5
Miller	4	5
San Jacinto	3	6
Southmore	3	6
South Houston	1	8
Park View	0	9

### Game results

Thompson 18, Jackson 10  
Beverly Hills 20, Queens 19  
Bondy 32, San Jacinto 11  
Southmore 14, South Houston 10  
Miller 22, Park View 7

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

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

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.

**Diabetes Support Group** - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, dating, etc. Meets the first Thursday (or second if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for information.

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

**Un Dia a la Vez Alano Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35),

Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
 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 information, or just drop in.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

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

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

**Sagemont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.

**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. Call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715 for information.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 7 a.m.

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35.

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [drglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglanford@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

**Tri-County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or make checks payable to Golfcrest Country Club. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

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**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

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**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**Harris County Master Gardeners** - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake meeting room (lakeside) at 5001 NASA Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website for a list of topics and location at <https://hcmga.tamu.edu> or call 281-855-5600.

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**Houston Space City Lions Club** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday monthly, 7 p.m., at Golden Corral (12500 Gulf Frwy.) or various restaurants. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
 7 a.m.

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for information.

**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For information or to RSVP, call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
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**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

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# Trojans make Dobie boys' hoops playoff quest harder

The Dobie varsity boys' basketball team's quest to reach the postseason just got a bit tougher. Using a 20-6 run in the second quarter and then holding off a couple of Dobie runs late, first-place South Houston dealt Dobie a 62-57 setback Feb. 2, at South Houston.

Dobie built a 14-10 lead heading into the second quarter of action.

But South Houston's Dralyn Brown scored 10 straight points in the second stanza to lift the Trojans.

The game was tied at 17-17 midway through the quarter when Brown's la-

yer gave the Trojans their first lead of the game. After a Dobie miss, Brown drove to the bucket and eventually converted a 3-point play for a five-point Trojan lead. Brown then hit a runner from the left side and sank a deep 3-pointer to give South Houston a 27-19 lead.

South Houston's Zach Miller stole the ball from Dobie's Tyler Giron in the closing second of the half, was fouled and made one of two free throws as the Trojans led 30-20 at half-time.

In the second half, each time the Longhorns ap-

peared to be ready to make their move, the Trojans answered. The Longhorns were within five points at one point before Daniel Johnson, who led South Houston with 19 points, made a pair of 3-pointers to push his team's lead to 11.

Up eight entering the fourth quarter, the Trojans made enough plays on both ends to hang on.

Nick Hernandez, South Houston's leading scorer, came up with 17 points to get his team within five points once more, Hernan-

dez drove to the basket, scored and made the free throw with 1 minute, 20 seconds left.

Dobie's Trey Kelly made a 3-pointer from the right corner as the clock expired, but the Trojans had already secured their ninth straight league win at that point.

At 12-1, the Trojans will likely play current co-leader Dawson Feb. 12 for the outright District 22-6A championship.

As for Dobie, now 7-5 in district play, the locals can do themselves a favor by knocking off those same Dawson Eagles Feb. 5, at Dobie.

The Longhorns have four games remaining, including those against Dawson, Alvin, Rayburn and Memorial.

Pearland is 7-6 with three games left, including an outing against Memo-

rial, Rayburn and a final game against Manvel. And Manvel, once at the top of the standings, has now seen its once flourishing playoff hopes fade.

At 7-5 after back-to-back losses to Dobie and Dawson, the Eagles have four games remaining, including that vital 22-6A finale against Pearland.

Dobie and Pearland have battled it out for playoff positioning in each of the last two seasons. Pearland advanced at Dobie's expense two seasons ago, and the Longhorns returned the favor in 2014-2015.

The best plan for Dobie is to take down Dawson Feb. 5, then run the table against Alvin, Rayburn and Memorial. If only it were that simple. Here we go again, or so it sure seems.

## District 22/24-6A play

- Feb. 5 hoops action**
- Dobie boys host Dawson*
- Dobie girls at Dawson*
- Brook girls host Springs, 5:30 p.m.*
- Brook boys host Springs, 7 p.m.*
- Feb. 9 hoops action**
- Dobie boys at Alvin*
- Dobie girls host Alvin*
- Brook girls host Clear Falls*
- Brook boys at Clear Falls*

# Brook boys suffer back-to-back losses

Clear Brook just may be in a game-for-game battle with longtime nemesis Clear Lake for a playoff

spot in the District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball

points down in the second half, Clear Lake went on to beat the Wolverines 62-54 in a big 24-6A contest

Feb. 2, at Clear Brook. It wasn't that long ago that Clear Brook was feeling good about itself after pinning a 20-point loss on the Falcons.

Now, things have gotten much more complicated. Clear Creek and Dickinson lead the standings at 8-2, with Clear Springs third at 5-4.

Clear Lake and Clear Brook, both 4-4, are looking to win out the rest of the way in order to reach the postseason.

The Wolverines have a big opportunity in front of them Feb. 5, taking on those Clear Springs Chargers in a 7 p.m., game in Wolverine Gymnasium.

The Wolverines were looking good at 4-2 before first-place Dickinson dealt the Wolverines a 73-62 setback Jan. 29, at Dickinson.

Against Clear Lake, the Wolverines were in control in the first half before the visitors took control. Clear Brook's David Azore led the Wolverines with 27 points.

Poor free throw shooting and shot selection hampered the Wolverines in the second half against Clear Lake after the 11-point lead was built.

Then again, anything has come to be expected in this district at any time. Creek, Dickinson, Springs, Lake and Brook are now all pushing for the four available playoff berths.

## District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 3)

Teams	W	L
Dawson	12	1
South Houston	12	1
Manvel	7	5
Dobie	7	5
Pearland	7	6
Alvin	4	8
Pasadena	3	9
Memorial	2	10
Rayburn	1	12

## District 24-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 3)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	8	2
Clear Creek	8	2
Clear Springs	5	4
Clear Brook	4	4
Clear Lake	4	4
Clear Falls	3	7
Friendswood	3	7
Brazoswood	1	9



Above, Dobie junior guard Royce Hunter (55) put the ball on the deck on his way to the basket while being defended by South Houston's Zach Miller (15) during first-half action Feb. 2, at South Houston. Hunter led Dobie with 17 points, but the Trojans went on to win the game 62-57, keeping pace with Dawson at 12-2 in league play, good for first place.

At right, the Longhorns' Tyler Giron launches a 3-pointer from the left side during the first half. Photos by John Bechtel



# 22-6A trio seemingly form long struggle in varsity boys' soccer race

Consider the battle on in the District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer ranks. Defending league

champion Dobie is in the thick of what right now is a three-team battle for the top spot along with Man-

vel and Memorial. To this point, none of the three appear willing to give any ground, while the other

teams appear to be losing distance on the leaders. Dobie has already played Manvel to a 1-1 tie,

with the Mavericks winning the shootout for a key extra point in the standings.

Meanwhile, Manvel and Memorial must still play one another, and the Longhorns close out both the first half of league play and the 22-6A regular season race against Memorial.

Dobie head coach Justo Manrique said his team

**Wolverine boys slip to 2-1 in 24-6A boys' soccer**

The Clear Brook Wolverines have already discovered just how difficult the District 24-6A varsity boys' soccer road is going to be to navigate.

Coming off a 2-0 win over Clear Creek to open 24-6A play, the suddenly depleted Wolverines were blanked, 4-0, by a Dickinson team that seems bent on making a name for itself this season.

Brazoswood is 2-0 and sits as the lone undefeated team in league play early on.

At 1-1, Brook is tied with Dickinson and two others. Clear Brook goes back to action Feb. 5, at home against a Clear Lake team that is always traditionally tough.

"It was a rough night for us," Clear Brook head coach Chris Stromeier said.

"I don't know why, but we never play well over there. The injury bug is starting to hit us right now, and we are trying to get healthy again to get back to where we were. We were full strength against Creek, and looked really good.

"Our district has so much parity, that any team can be beaten any given night. We play Lake at home this Friday, and they are always tough.

"We are going to have a good few days of practice, and get back on track (Feb. 5 against Clear Lake.)"

used its tie game against Manvel as motivation to get better on the field. Since that time, the Longhorns are a perfect 3-0 for nine big points in the standings.

The team dominated a sloppy South Houston team Jan. 30 en route to a 5-0 win.

Then came a 5-1 win at Dawson Feb. 2, moving the Longhorns into a three-way tie with Manvel and Memorial at 4-0-1.

Against Dawson, five different players scored goals for Dobie, including Santos Blanco, Josue Villalta, Rafael Gomes, Bryan Nava and Sabino Lozano.

Simply put, Manrique and his players know the wins just have to keep coming.

"Yes, we know there are

some big match ups coming up in these next three games," Manrique said.

"Memorial will play Manvel and then us, and I expect Pasadena to get back on track, too.

"We are happy that the Manvel game was a turning point for our team. We've won all nine possible points and outscored the other teams 12-1. Our kids are very focused and are ready for the upcoming challenges. I'm very proud of them."

Of note, Manrique said the Longhorns have switched to a bit of a more daring offensive style in hopes of creating more chances at the goal.

In short, Manrique and his players are in "go for it" mode and want to do everything possible to en-

sure the season concludes the way Dobie hopes, Manrique said, because with a berth at the Region III tournament. The greater.

## District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Soccer

(Through Feb. 2 play)

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Manvel	4	0	1	14
Dobie	4	0	0	13
Memorial	4	0	1	13
Rayburn	3	2	0	9
Pearland	1	2	3	8
Pasadena	1	2	2	6
South Houston	1	4	1	5
Dawson	1	4	1	4
Alvin	0	5	0	0



Dobie goalkeeper Rigoberto Fuentes enjoyed a special moment Jan. 30, against South Houston as his free kicker traveled roughly 60 yards in the air - wind aided - bounced twice and found the Trojans' net for the first goal of the game. The Longhorns eventually won 5-0.



Dobie's Edgar Arzate (19) looks to pass the ball ahead while surrounded by a pair of South Houston defenders Jan. 30, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Longhorns, with help from Arzate, got their offense rolling against the Trojans en route to a 5-0 victory.

At right, the Longhorns' Santos Blanco (6) jockeys a South Houston player for control of the ball Jan. 30, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Blanco later came up big with a goal as Dobie defeated host Dawson Feb. 2, in Pearland. At 4-0-1, the Longhorns are going toe-to-toe with both Manvel and Memorial for first place in the District 22-6A alignment. Photo by John Bechtel

## Lady Horns even at 2-2

An easy 6-0 win over South Houston Jan. 29, left the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team at 2-2 through the early portion of District 22-6A action.

The team owns wins over Manvel and South Houston, but has lost to Pearland and Pasadena.

The Lady Longhorns returned to the field Feb. 3, after press time, to take on the Dawson Lady Eagles.

