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Chamber gala set

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its 35th annual gala on Friday, Feb. 8, at Golfcrest Country Club in Green Tee. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner. State Sen. Larry Taylor will be the guest speaker at the event. All incoming chamber officers will be sworn in at the function. Sponsorships for the event are available. For more information, contact the chamber at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

I-45 closures scheduled

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

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

Beltway 8 closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously until Jan. 18, 9 a.m.

One inside lane on the westbound frontage road from Beamer to Blackhawk will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Jan. 18.

One northbound and one southbound lane of SH 3/Old Galveston Road at Beltway 8 East will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Feb. 11. The southbound U-turn lane will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Feb. 4.

One northbound and one southbound lane of SH 3/Old Galveston Road at Beltway 8 South will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Feb. 11. The southbound U-turn lane will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Feb. 11.

The inside lane on the northbound frontage road from Beltway 8 to Almeda-Genoa Road will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Jan. 19.

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

Two inside lanes of eastbound and westbound at Beltway 8 East at Genoa Red Bluff will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Feb. 11.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 11.

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The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Fairmont Parkway will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 11.

The southbound U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 2.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

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Free karate classes begin

The American Society of Karate will begin its free self-defense and martial arts classes for teens and adults (ages 13-80) Friday, Jan. 18, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. For details, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com, call 281-788-5930 or arrive early at the class.

Toastmasters set open house

The Young Professionals Toastmasters SE Club will host an open house Monday, Jan. 28, at the Parker Williams Library conference room, on Scarsdale at Beamer, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will feature a presentation of the history, programs and benefits of Toastmasters International, an organization dedicated to all who wish to improve communication skills and leadership abilities. All ages, professions and speaking abilities are welcome. For more information, visit youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com or call Carolyn Carmichael at 281-481-5032 (leave message).

Knights feature spaghetti

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is sponsoring a fundraising spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road. The event features all-you-can-eat spaghetti pasta covered with our original KC 9201 spaghetti sauce, two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, and ice tea or lemonade. The cost is \$7 eat-in or take-out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball, eat-in only).

KS annual HOA meeting set

The Kirkwood South Committee will hold its first annual HOA meeting for all six sections at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 at Freeway Baptist Church, located at 8702 Kingspoint Road. Homeowners are encouraged to attend to discuss the 2018 year-end reports and changes on the board of directors for 2019.

PISD, CCISD, San Jac set election date

Filing for a place on the ballot for the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees election and the Pasadena and Clear Creek independent school districts began Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019, and will continue through Friday, Feb. 15, 2019.

Pasadena Independent School District

The deadline for filing an application for a place on the Pasadena ISD Election Ballot is 5 p.m. on Feb. 15.

Applications can be delivered in person to the Accountability and Compliance Department of the PISD Administration building, 1515 Cherrybrook Ln. Pasadena, TX 77502 or by mail to the same

address.

Three board members are up for election on the Pasadena board. All three plan to run for reelection.

- Position 5, held by South Belter Kenny Fernandez since 2015.
- Position 6, held by Marshall Kendrick since 1989.
- Position 7, held by Vickie Morgan since 1986.

Kenny Fernandez, is the co-owner and president of North American Shipping Agencies as well as the owner of Little Longhorns Daycare in the South Belt area. He is a graduate of Dobie High School

and Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Fernandez is married to Kasie, a girl's athletics coach at Pasadena Memorial. They have two children who attend Pasadena schools.

Marshall Kendrick is the retired director and general manager of Maleic Anhydride Business for Bayer Corporation. He holds a bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. He and his wife Denie have two children, both of whom are graduates of Sam Rayburn High School. Kendrick is a deacon, Sunday school teacher and member of the finance committee of South Main Baptist Church.

Vickie Morgan is a homemaker and the mother of three children, who graduated from Pasadena schools. She has been honored with two Texas Life

Memberships (1982, 1988), a National Life Membership (1989), and an Extended Life Membership (1991) from the PTA, was named Leader of the Year by the Girl Scouts of America (1984) and Outstanding Young Woman of America (1983). She currently serves as secretary to a city-appointed board of directors for the Pasadena Second Century Corporation, which is a nonprofit industrial development corporation. Morgan is actively involved in the Girl Scouts of America, the Parent Teacher Association, and is an active member of South Main Baptist Church, where she serves as Sunday school and Vacation Bible School director and greeter.

Clear Creek Independent School District

The Clear Creek Independent School District's

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Heavy fog paralyzes South Belt



New Year's Eve brought one of the worst fogs in recent history in the South Belt area. Officers from Constable Chris Diaz's contract area had to set up command near the Scarsdale/Beamer intersection and had to walk instead of drive to answer various emergency calls. The extreme fog was blamed on a combination of fog and smoke from fireworks shot in celebration of the new year. Some of those on duty during the fog are Cpl. J. Garza, Deputy J. Burford, Deputy E. Zubia and Deputy A. Rizk.

Photo by Deputy Clint Brown

Homestead exemptions sent to area

The Harris County Appraisal District has mailed a confirmation postcard to all homeowners with a homestead exemption currently on file.

Homeowners should receive a postcard in their mailbox verifying they have a homestead exemption on their property. This is an annual mailing by HCAD to homeowners confirming their homeowner exemption is in place. An exemption excludes all or part of a property from taxation, so homeowners

with an exemption are eligible for the tax break that exemption provides.

"Homestead exemptions are one of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower their property tax bill," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. "A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's primary residence on January 1."

Homeowners do not need to do anything if the

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Software app leads to robbery, shooting

Harris County Constable Christopher Diaz deputies received a call from Houston Police officers at Memorial Hermann Hospital Southeast in regard to a gunshot victim who said he was shot on Sagecreek Drive in Sagemont subdivision.

The victim, Nestor Duenez, 18, stated he met an unknown Hispanic male through a software program app called OfferUp to sell a TV and Jordan shoes. The victim said he picked the 11400 block of Sagecreek to make the sale for the items but the suspect, known only as "King," took the Jordan shoes and ran.

The victim gave chase and was eventually shot in the face and the leg by a second unknown suspect.

The victim's friend, Luviano Guillermo, 20, who had been waiting for Duenez nearby, picked up Duenez and took him to Memorial Hermann Southeast where HPD was notified.

The aggravated robbery happened at 10 p.m. Jan. 10, but deputies were not notified until 3:17 a.m. by HPD officer at the hospital.

Although Duenez lives near the South Belt area, he does not reside in the Sagemont subdivision.

Leader continues look at 2018

July 19

Local electrician Johnny Gibbs of Lighthouse Electric found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time Tuesday, July 17, as he was swept up in a drug raid at a customer's house in the 9900 block of Logans Way in the Ashley Pointe subdivision. Gibbs said he had just left the residence around 6 p.m. after doing an inspection and was sending a text from his truck in front of the house when multiple police agencies — including the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and a K-9 unit from the Pearland Police Department — swarmed the house. During the confusion, Gibbs was detained and placed in handcuffs. Gibbs explained that he was merely there to give the resident an estimate for electrical work. The officers told Gibbs they already knew this but that he was taking too long to leave the home. One male was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. His identity was not released, as he was co-

operating with police.

At a special meeting, the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees named Allison Lewallen the new principal of Morris Middle School and Tanis Griffin the new principal of Thompson Intermediate. Both educators had previously served the school district in other capacities.

July 26

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott served as the guest of honor at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 34th annual banquet. The theme was a salute to the local heroes of Hurricane Harvey. Abbott joined the chamber in recognizing 24 honorees for their heroic acts during the devastating storm. Heroes officially recognized at the banquet included the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department; Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell; local contract officers from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office; Jason and Rebecca Carter; Memorial Her-

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Police investigate 1-vehicle fatality

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, in the 14100 block of the Gulf Freeway (between Scarsdale Boulevard and Astoria).

The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, Larry Cortez, 50, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, Cortez was driving a

black Ford F-150 pickup truck south at the above address when, according to witnesses, he apparently lost control of the vehicle.

The pickup truck spun around and struck a concrete pillar before stopping on the service road.

No other individuals or vehicles were involved in this incident.

Exxon Dobie project winding down

Work to correct a release of gasoline from a Exxon pipeline located on the Dobie main campus over the Christmas holidays is winding down.

The release which occurred in a line which travels from Baytown through Dobie to South Houston and ultimately to San Antonio has been found and the affected pipe replaced.

Crews are still doing testing of adjoining storm sewer lines and a local drainage ditch which have shown signs of the gasoline contaminants.

All inside air monitoring of Dobie High and Moore Elementary have shown non-detects for chemicals of concern. Both Exxon and Pasadena

ISD have independently checked indoor samples

The Exxon crews which early in January number approximately 100 workers is now around 40.

Primary aspects of the project includes finishing remediation, analyzing the cause of the release and doing clean up of any residual contamination in the ditch and storm sewers.

It is currently unknown how long this will take, but Exxon officials say they are committed to safely completing the job.

Residents with any questions or concerns are urged to call the ExxonMobil hotline at 855-300-2660.

Traffic violation results in burglary arrest

A traffic violation turned into the arrests of two men following a chase in a stolen vehicle.

On Friday Jan. 11, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Harris County Constable Chris Diaz dayshift Deputy Harris G. Silva was on Dixie Farm and I-45 when he observed a minor traffic violation for "no seat belt."

Silva observed a Hispanic male driver, identified as Alberto Escobar, 22, and tried to get the driver to stop but a traffic pursuit followed onto the main lanes northbound of the Gulf Freeway.

A passenger inside the vehicle was identified as Arturo Pareja Jr., 23. Both were captured on the main lanes of I-45 and Fuqua. After subjects were in custody it was determined the vehicle was stolen from Southwest Houston in an aggravated robbery by these same suspects earlier that same morning.

Escobar was charged with felony evading along with pending charges from HPD and Pareja Jr. also had pending charges from HPD but no charges with Precinct 2. Neither of those arrested reside in the South Belt area.

Info sought on Edgebrook murder

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that took place around 5:25 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, in the 110 block of East Edgebrook Drive. Frank Kelley was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, officers responded to a person-down call at the above address and found the victim lying face down on the sidewalk near

apartment building No. 8. Houston Fire Department paramedics subsequently pronounced him deceased from gunshot wounds. There is no known motive nor suspect(s) in this case.

Anyone with information on this incident is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

HC studies, flood bonds, \$15 wages

Harris County Commissioners Court recently convened to discuss several pressing situations during its first meeting this year, with hopes of new resolutions to existing problems.

A number of issues — including flood bond equity, a proposal to consider Election Day vote centers and minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour for county employees — were discussed at the first Commissioners Court meeting of 2019, which lasted until late afternoon.

Commissioner Rodney Ellis, reflecting on the court meeting, later said, "It's a new day and a new year in Harris County. This is our opportunity to increase transparency, make equitable investments in our communities and advance fair opportunity for all people."

One of the most pressing issues discussed by the new Commissioners Court was the need to establish a clear process for the equitable distribution of

flood control funds for long-neglected neighborhoods that have been previously under-funded due unfair federal funding formulas for flood mitigation.

Commissioners Court requested that the Flood Control District return to Commissioners Court no later than its first March meeting with a plan for equitable decision-making and distribution of funds.

Ellis later noted, "We have a long road ahead of us to not only rebuild and recover from Harvey but to make our region, our people and our infrastructure more resilient to future storms. Equity is key to fostering true resilience in our communities."

Last year, Ellis strongly advocated for flood bond equity, successfully placing equity language in the flood bond package that voters overwhelmingly approved last August.

Progress was also made on increasing the

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Discussing new station, store, etc.



Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins visits with South Belt resident Rosemary Carraway to discuss plans for the new gas station, convenience store and more which is currently under construction at the intersection of Sabo Road and Sagemont. Residents in the area have expressed concern since the establishment has acquired a beer license also. The property adjoins the Sagemont Townhomes on the north side and a church on the east side. Regulations regarding the sale of beer next to a church would not apply since, according to city records, the liquor permit was obtained in 2015, two months before the church was permitted by the city of Houston. The liquor permit is to be re-submitted in the near future. The issuing of the new permit can be protested by area residents.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

South Belt Chamber of Commerce honors outstanding students for December



School officials at Thomas Hancock Elementary have selected Adrian Lopez (holding sign), third-grader, as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Lopez tries his best to achieve his goals of mastering multiplication and has improved many reading levels over the semester. He gives his all by working hard even when the material is challenging and asks for help as needed. Lopez is also kind and wants to help new students to class. He demonstrates leadership and is a positive example of a Thomas Hancock Bison. Shown with Lopez are, left to right, Malkia Hutchinson, Harris County Precinct One community engagement coordinator; Veronica Sandoval, Thomas Hancock principal; Elizabeth Valdez; Thomas Hancock third-grade teacher; and David Matthews, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board member.



Elaya Rubins (holding sign), first-grader, is a sweet sincere thoughtful student according to Atkinson Elementary school staff. She is aware of other students' needs and is always willing to help. Students in class gravitate toward her because she is friendly and kind to everyone. She is a hard worker and is becoming a strong reader. Shown with Rubins are, left to right, Brittany Kelly, mother; Lena Ortiz, Atkinson principal; Dee Davis, Atkinson first-grade teacher; Kenny Fernandez, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce chair; and Angela Stallings, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent.



Frazier Elementary second-grader Emma Gurrusquieta (holding sign) has been selected as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Gurrusquieta is a hard worker and is an involved learner. She has a high degree of honesty and a kind heart. She helps others when they need help and lifts her classmates' spirits when they are down or unsure about something. She loves helping others and is a great listener. Gurrusquieta goes beyond what is expected and tries hard to follow the rules. She demonstrates a high level of expertise in reading and math. She always produces highly accurate work, takes pride in everything she does and is an extraordinary example of a good outstanding citizen. Shown with Gurrusquieta are, left to right, Alyta Harrell, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent; Kristina Ponce, Frazier assistant principal; Barbra Gurrusquieta, mother; Alex Gurrusquieta, father; Julian Gurrusquieta, brother; and Daniel Hoppie, South Belt-Ellington Chamber education committee member and Pasadena Independent School District executive director.



According to school officials at Stuchbery Elementary, Aiden Vara (holding sign), fourth-grader, is one of the kindest students on campus. In every class he enters, he is met with smiles and admiration. Vara is a friend to all. He also works hard to meet his academic goals. When one walks into a room, one will notice his work ethic and his smile. For those reasons, Vara is Stuchbery's Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Vara are, left to right, Scarlett Walker, Stuchbery SUCCESS teacher; Jose Hernandez, Stuchbery principal; Kris Wallis, Stuchbery assistant principal; and Michelle Vara, mother.



School officials at Thompson Intermediate state that Yohander Mercado (holding sign) is an eighth-grade student who exemplifies the spirit of his school. He is always willing to help students and teachers alike with a smile. He assists with athletics and is a staple at sporting events. He works diligently on his academics and strives to assist his peers as well. For these reasons, the staff has chosen him as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Mercado is Tanis Griffin, Thompson principal.



Erik Hernandez (holding sign), eighth-grader, is known by Beverly Hills Intermediate staff as a fantastic student. He greets everyone with a smile and "hello" and leaves with a wave and "good-bye." He helps other students and is kind to everyone, being well-respected and liked by both teachers and peers. Hernandez gives 100 percent in everything he does - he plays football, runs with the cross-country team, performs with the BHI orchestra and maintains good grades. He has high expectations for himself and does not strive for "good enough" - he constantly works to be better. He is a role model on campus and very deserving to be named December's Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Hernandez are, left to right, Jennifer Teichelman, BHI assistant principal; Stacey Barber, BHI principal; and Rachel Trader, BHI teacher.

The staff at Laura Bush Elementary have selected kindergartener Neveah Flores (holding paper) as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Flores is known to be a pleasure to have in a classroom, welcoming each day with a warm smile and an inspiring love for learning. She is a model student and classroom leader who is always ready to embrace daily activities with a positive attitude. Shown with Flores are, left to right, Stephanie Miller, Bush principal; Maria Marler, Bush kindergarten teacher; and Maria Hernandez, Bush assistant principal.



Paulina Garza (right), senior at Dobie High School, has been chosen as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Garza is the sweetest, kindest young person on the planet. She offers to help everyone - students, teachers and substitutes. She is lovely. Shown with Garza are, Franklin Moses, Dobie principal; and Erin Richardson, Dobie counselor.



Melillo Middle School officials state Adam Aguilar, Jr. (holding sign), sixth-grader, is always kind, helpful and respectful to his teachers and classmates. He comes to class prepared and ready to give 100 percent effort into his academics. Aguilar has a growth mindset and never gives up. He is a great example to his peers. Aguilar is an extraordinary student. For these reasons, Aguilar has been selected as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Aguilar are, left to right, Lilliana Monita, Melillo counselor; Fernandez; Diane Wheeler, Melillo principal; Chris Bui, Melillo assistant principal; and Stallings.



Emily Gonzales (holding sign), first-grader at Burnett Elementary, has been selected as the Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials, Gonzales is a great example of what a student of the month should be. She is always willing to help the teacher and students in any way she can. She is very encouraging to other students when they struggle or are having a difficult day. She often guides students in making the right choice. Gonzales does well academically and when given feedback, always works hard and strives for better. She has a reputation for being a great student overall. She plans to be a teacher and those who know her believe she will be a great one. Shown with Gonzales are, left to right, Harrell; Julie Cano, mother; Hoppie; and Esme Paredes, Burnett assistant principal.



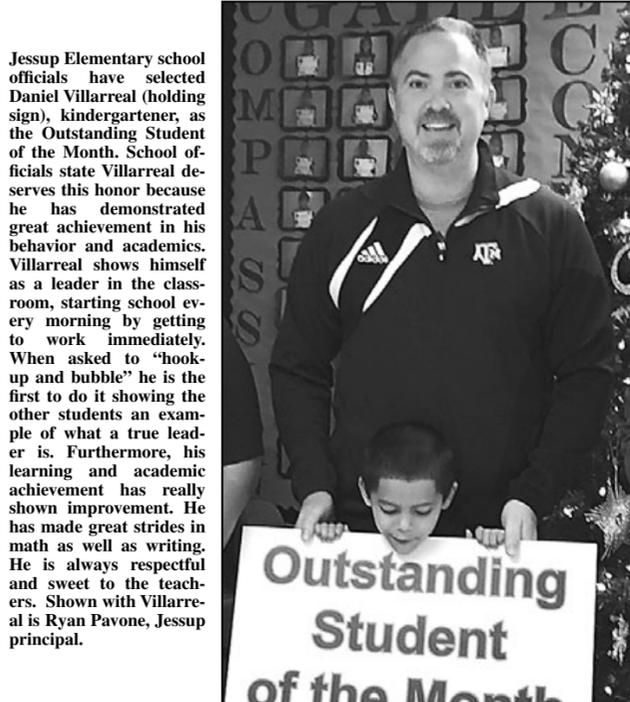
Eduardo Verastegui (holding sign), a senior at Lewis Career Technical High School, was selected as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Verastegui is a senior in the Audio Video Production Pathway whom school officials say has worked extremely hard to overcome language barriers as well as Goldenhar Syndrome to achieve academic success. Despite his challenges, Verastegui has become a YouTube sensation with his documentaries about his everyday life in the United States. He has even won the YouTube Silver Play Button Award for having over 100,000 subscribers to his channel. Verastegui has devoted himself to his studies and to becoming a better student by earning superior grades and reaching the top 10 percent of his graduating class. Verastegui has gone above and beyond to help those in his community. He has demonstrated the value of being a community member by volunteering during the summer, introducing younger students to CTE programs through Career Exploration Camp and volunteering his time as a videographer at the Sarah's House Annual Gala. Verastegui has been accepted to Full Sail University and the University of Houston. Shown with Verastegui are, left to right, (first row) Hutchinson; Kristi White, LCTHS assistant principal; Matthews; (second row) Harrell; Kelly Potter, LCTHS 12th-grade counselor; Fernandez; Casey Crews, LCTHS bio-anatomy teacher; Steven Fleming, LCTHS principal; and Hoppie.



South Belt Elementary school officials nominated Durriyah Hill (holding sign), second-grader, as the Outstanding Student of the Month since she continuously sets the example for others. She always has a positive attitude and is constantly helping her peers and teachers. She strives to do her best in all areas. Hill always exhibits integrity and responsibility. Shown with Hill are, left to right, Amber Morris, South Belt assistant principal; Kami Brown, South Belt second-grade teacher; Stallings; and Fernandez.



Waleska Palacios (holding sign), fifth-grader, has been chosen by Morris Middle School officials as the Outstanding Student of the Month. According to those school officials, Palacios is a role model Trailblazer and a dream to have in class. She is always willing to help a teacher or fellow student. She is involved in many clubs at Morris. She is a star reporter on the new Trailblazer Times and landed the first interview with the principal, Allison Lewallen. She also volunteers to read to the pre-K-4 students at Meador Elementary with her club, Sprinkles of Kindness. Palacios is a hardworking student who always tries her best and has a positive attitude. Shown with Palacios are, left to right, Hutchinson; Cynthia Stanaland, Morris science peer facilitator; Robin Cate, Morris assistant principal; and Alex Sanchez, Morris assistant principal.



Jessup Elementary school officials have selected Daniel Villarreal (holding sign), kindergartener, as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Villarreal deserves this honor because he has demonstrated great achievement in his behavior and academics. Villarreal shows himself as a leader in the classroom, starting school every morning by getting to work immediately. When asked to "hook-up and bubble" he is the first to do it showing the other students an example of what a true leader is. Furthermore, his learning and academic achievement has really shown improvement. He has made great strides in math as well as writing. He is always respectful and sweet to the teachers. Shown with Villarreal is Ryan Pavone, Jessup principal.

SJC announces calendar briefs

San Jacinto College has released its upcoming calendar briefs.

Spring 2019 registration open
Registration for spring 2019 classes is open for current and incoming San Jacinto College students with payment due upon registration. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday closure
San Jacinto College will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. No classes will be held, and all administrative offices will be closed. Classes and normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Meningitis vaccinations

The Immunization Clinic will offer incoming San Jacinto College students meningitis vaccinations on Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the following locations:
• Central campus - Building 1, room C1.110
• North campus - Building 6, room N6.108
• South campus - Building 6, room S6.194
Prices are \$20 for students 18 and younger and \$90 for students 19 and older. Vaccination fees can be added to the semester fee bill. Students who are ages 22 and older are not required to provide evidence of a meningitis vaccination. For more information on meningitis vaccination requirements and upcoming campus vaccination dates, visit sanjac.edu/meningitis.

C2 Education holds practice test event

C2 Education, the nation's fastest growing network of subject tutoring, SAT, ACT and PSAT test prep and education support centers will have a free practice test event, on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 21, or on Jan. 26, if the local school is in session on Jan. 21.

With the start of the new year, it's a great time for students to get ready for the SAT and ACT tests and make the most of 2019. To help them prepare for the first big tests of the year, students who take the free test at their local Houston area C2 center will have an opportunity to become familiar with the SAT or ACT material and learn where improvements are needed.

One of the top factors for college admissions officers is

the SAT/ACT score, so students need to make sure that they can achieve the highest scores possible. C2 Education which is a leader in the college test prep field has helped tens of thousands of students improve their test scores over the past twenty years. Through C2's flexible teaching environment, which provides individual instruction from a variety of tutors, and their true mentoring of students, C2 sets itself apart from other options in the test prep space. All students who take the free test will also get a review of their practice test results, which will let them know exactly where to focus their efforts for the upcoming tests. Space is limited, so students can reserve a spot by registering at <https://www.c2educate.com/go/mlk-day>.

Melillo Middle School generates honor roll

Dr. Dixie Melillo Middle School has named its honor roll for the second nine-weeks.

Honor Roll Fifth grade

Blessing Akinloye, Ivan Ayala, Jaslynn Chavez, Abigail Gutierrez, Morgan Hill, Sarah Massey, James Moe, Nathan Montez, Quoc-Bao Ngo, Haley Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Daniel Soto, Mia Garza Sudario, Aidan Veitia, Christopher Vu and Olivia Wheeler.

Leovanni Alvarez, Joshua Arredondo, Piper Battarbee, Anddy Bustos, Alonzo Chapman, Kevin Chau, Julietta De Jesus Garcia, Edsel Juarez, Jayden Lee, Ava Macias, Kristin Madise, Mia Mata, Makaden Mitchell, Natalie Rangel, Ava Richardson and Jalen Tran.

Sixth grade

Rigoberto Alanis Jr., Manal Aleem, Jonathan Al-

xander, Kaylie Bui, Stephanie Bui, Emily Cano, Kristin Do, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Gabriella Gonzalez, Joseph Jones, Jayden Lewis, Rubi Martinez, Trish Nguyen, Jabez Palma, Madison Puente, Jayd Ramirez, Matthew Rangel and Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez.

Adrian Salas, Joseph Salazar, Ethan Snow, Nolan Tran, Andrew Ullman, Phuc Vu Do, Lorenzo Betancourt, Angelina Cao, Alicia Cruz, Emmanuel Estrada, Viviana Fernandez, Aniya Fleming, Andrea Garcia, Yazmine Gonzalez and Iakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou.

Jocelyn Lagos, Natalia Le Goenaga, Aidan Le, Nathan Le, Karyme Leal, Mark Massoud, Abrianna Reynolds, Emily Rodriguez, McKenzie Smith, Pitou So, Emily Stephen, Jocelyn Stringer, Jason Ta, Tristan Tran, Isaiah Vivier, Sophia Vu and Mariel Watson.

Roberts MS releases 2nd 9-weeks honor roll

Fred Roberts Middle School has released its honor roll for the second nine-weeks.

Fifth grade

Xavier Alfredo Blanco, Katia Jade Boardman, Kaitlyn Emily Breen, Serenity Faye Brown, Megan Van Bui, Aaron Nickolas Carballo, Kennedy Marie Cavazos, Joshua Josiah Cerda, Victoria Denisa Chioresanu, Isaura Isabel Correa, Kaileen Irene Culpepper, Dawdrion Bernard Daniels, Andrew Escobar and Harold Yair Funez.

Dianna Camilla Galvan, Jennifer Beatriz Garcia, Jose Luis Garza, Brissa Colette Gaytan Montemayor, Joel Raul Gutierrez, Lance Christian Heath, Breanna Mya Lott, Ariela Crystal Medina, Dulce Mejia Hernandez, Mehreen Mortaza Mir, Diana Ngoc Nguyen and Tuan Minh Nguyen.

Sixth grade

Kemora Neshae Andrade, Mauricio Avila Castellon, Aldrin Magampon Baluyot, Ashley Sofia Barahona, Alvaro Nathaniel Barrios, A'nyia Marie Beasley, McKenzie Maryann Bonner, Shane Cao Bonner, Tommy Trong Cao, Ellen Jazive Carrillo, Joana Casas, Viceilyn Castil-

lo, Samantha Isabel Chano, Ethan Thomas Chavez, Danielle Annaya Chenier, Elizabeth Antoine Cherry, Elizabeth-Truc Kieu Dao, Allison Anahi Duran Ramos, Noah Raymond Galvan and Alexis Edert Gamez.

Nahomi Garcia, Elizabeth Christine Garcia, Michala Jo Garcia, Eliana Star Gilbert, Angelica Ruth Gonzales, Daphne Joselynn Goytortua, Priscilla Gracia, Raul Alfonso Gutierrez, Xavier Tyrrell Hannah, Corynn Annette Harris, Emily Johanna Henriquez, Lena Quynh-Anh Hoang, David Houser, Aaron David Hudspeth and Francisco Xavier Jimenez.

Jake Raymond Joslin, Abigail Elaine Koplin, Nghan Luu Thai Le, Isabella Alayana Liceaga, Kayla Naomi Lopez, Alina Michelle Loreda, Hannah Penelope Maldonado, Rayan Mirza, Brianna Mya Moreno, Bryant Morfin, Corey James Nelloms, Alex Triluan Nguyen, Christine Thanh Nguyen and Huy Hoang Truong Nguyen.

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MARY
Best wishes to **Mary Clark** as she celebrates her birthday Sunday, Jan. 20. Greetings are sent from her husband **Chris**, other family members and her friends at the **Leader**.

MIKE ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Mike Williams enjoys a birthday Jan. 20. Best wishes are sent for a special day from family and friends at the **Leader**.

FLICKINGERS MARK ANNIVERSARY
Marie and **David Flickinger** celebrate 57 years of wedded bliss on Jan. 20. Best wishes for an enjoyable day are sent to the couple from their sons **Fred** and wife **Leslie Flickinger** and **Davy** and wife **Ellie Flickinger**; granddaughters **Kimberly Flickinger** and **Courtney Durham** and husband **Chris** and children **Abigail** and **Jackson**; granddaughter **Natalie Abarca** and husband **Jose** and children **Kevin Lopez**, **Noah**, **Eliana** and **Isabelle Abarca**; and the **Leader** staff.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR REBECCA
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Dobie grad Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine** on Jan. 23 from her husband **Steve** and her father **Richard Heeth** of Kirkwood.

CLAUDIA MARKS A BIRTHDAY
Birthday wishes are sent to **Claudia Cubos** who marks a birthday Jan. 23 from her family, friends and former co-workers at the **Leader**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 17 through Jan. 23.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Katy Fielder** Jan. 20.

Burnett Elementary
A celebration is in order Jan. 22 for **Leticia Sanchez**. Light the birthday candles on a double-layer cake Jan. 23 for **Lena Toole**.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles on a triple-layer cake for **Jacqueline Breed** and **Esmeralda Guerra** and **Maria Villanueva**. Give a shout-out Jan. 23 for **Maria Garza** who marks a birthday.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting to **Ashley Jones** and **Janielle Wiley** on Jan. 26.

Genoa Elementary
The day for a party for **Mary Helen Ramirez** is Jan. 17.

Meador Elementary
Send a belated birthday wish to **Melisa Hinojosa** who enjoyed a birthday Jan. 16. **Maria Hernandez** celebrates a birthday Jan. 21. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Joycelyn Woodard** Jan. 22.

Moore Elementary
Sandra Rodriguez marks a birthday Jan. 19.

South Belt Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Melinda Woods** Jan. 17.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a special birthday greeting Jan. 19 to **Dominguez Flores**. **Juana Valdez** marks a birthday Jan. 21.

Beverly Hills Intermediary
Blow out the candles on a layered cake

for **Travis Regner** on Jan. 18. Send a happy birthday card Jan. 22 to **Amber Estrada**. Join in the birthday fun Jan. 23 with **Bethany Davis**.

Thompson Intermediary
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Lauren Soto** Jan. 19.

Dobie High
A birthday is enjoyed by **Deborah Scheffer** Jan. 17. The day for a cake for **Remi Yusuf** is Jan. 18. On Jan. 19, a birthday is enjoyed by **Cathy Meek**. Remember **Deena Delarosa** on Jan. 22 with a birthday greeting.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The **Leader** sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday:
Thursday, Jan. 17: **Scott Greene**, **Tiffany Juarez**, **Donald Adams**, **Katherine Macias**, **Carla Parker**, **Jodie Lawson** and **Kevin Jasso**; Friday Jan. 18: **Charlie Boldt**, **Theria Malone**, **Lynn Carnes**, **Dwight Baker** and **Theresa Touchette**; Saturday, Jan. 19: **Janet Thompson**, **Lisa Gates**, **Grace Lazo**, **Brenda Mahoney** and **Lori Watts**; and Sunday, Jan. 20: **Jeremiah Orsak**, **Stephanie Johnson**, **Mary Belz**, **Mark Roden**; Monday, Jan. 21: **Traci Fort**, **Kim Saucedo**, **Karen Harlan**, **Connie Birmingham** and **Lisa Allen-Bragg**; Tuesday, Jan. 22: **Amber Estrada**, **Shad Taylor** and **Mitchal Nordstrom**; and Wednesday, Jan. 23: **Becky Forsyth**, **Audi Resendez**, **Rodney Thiel**, **Wendy Gray** and **Bill A. Stevens**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email announcements to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Frazier speller wins



On Jan. 11, Frazier Elementary held its annual spelling bee. In the eighth round, Alexander Griffin (right) became the spelling bee champion when he spelled the word "factory" correctly. Griffin will represent Frazier in the Pasadena Independent School District's spelling bee in February. Shown with Griffin is Ezequiel Gonzalez, runner-up. Photo by Susan Blue

Burnett names December Mathematicians of the Month



Burnett Elementary celebrated the December Mathematicians of the Month. A student from each class was recognized for thinking and talking like a mathematician. Displaying their personalized mathematician certificates are, left to right, (first row) Benjamin To-

var, Aldo Velasquez, Ruby Douglas, Sara Galicia, Elijah Cruzado, Pedro Portillo, Dessiree Martinez, (second row) Ryleigh Navarre, Diego Garay, Marie Onofre, Angelica Elizalde and Vincent Pineda. Photo by Leticia Sanchez

Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
South Belt residents expressed concern regarding the safety of the Friendswood Refinery located on Choate Road.

Henry G. Schuble, state district judge of the 245th District Court, took office.

35 years ago (1984)
Absentee voting for the Pasadena Independent School District school board elections set a record.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department planned to reimburse volunteers \$2 per run. It was intended to partially reimburse volunteers for expenses incurred.

30 years ago (1989)
Two Dobie High School students were expelled following their arrest for bringing a loaded gun onto campus.

Continuing their donation efforts for restoration of Texas as historical landmarks, students at Thompson Intermediary School raised \$1,027.84 for the San Jacinto Historical Museum.

25 years ago (1994)
South Belt resident Joe Pyland was named Houston Police Officer of the Year by the 100 Club at its annual banquet.

Dobie High School teacher Gloria Shifflet retired after 21 years of service at the school.

After four decades on the PISD school board, Harvey Turner retired.

Chemicals found in Clear Creek fish, and documents showing historical releases of Brio toxins into the waterway, prompted a third round of testing in as many months.

20 years ago (1999)
Approximately 750 South Belt area residents attended a free event to welcome The Gardens to the community.

Claims against the Pasadena Independent School District and the coaching and training staff at Dobie High School, stemming from a lawsuit following the death of a high school football player in 1996, were dismissed.

15 years ago (2004)
Almost 200 guests attended the South Belt-Ellington

Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet at The Gardens. The volunteer of the year award was presented to Jack Niday of Niday Funeral Home. Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1, was presented with the citizen of the year award.

Houston Astros left fielder Lance Berkman and broadcaster Bill Brown visited Frazier Elementary School in support of the team's Perfect Attendance Program.

The Clear Creek Independent School District was preparing to hold an election for its \$264 million bond package.

10 years ago (2009)
Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan hosted a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the completion of road repair work done on Edgebrook. The 22-month City of Houston project involved repairing all four lanes on the street, installing new drains and widening the sidewalks from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 3.

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable deputies Dwayne Pacifico and Jason Curry stopped a driver at Scarsdale and Beamer who matched the description of a person who had brandished a handgun at someone in the area. Upon searching the vehicle, the deputies found \$15,000 in counterfeit \$50 bills and \$100 bills. The deputies also found a .38 caliber pistol in the car. Suspects, Gerald Freeman and John Waldon, were both subsequently arrested. Freeman, 34, was charged with possession of counterfeit money. Waldon, 38, was charged with possession of counterfeit money and possession of an illegal weapon by a felon.

South Belt resident Usebio Almendarez was killed in a single-vehicle accident in the 12500 block of the Gulf Freeway. Almendarez, 25, was southbound on the freeway in a Cadillac Escalade at about 11:40 p.m. when he exited at Fuqua and lost control of the sport utility vehicle,

bringing much of the area to a standstill. Police responded to more than 500 automobile accidents, with one on the Gulf Freeway near Dixie Farm Road being fatal. In that incident, a man was killed as he attempted to make repairs to his vehicle and was struck by another driver.

The Pasadena Independent School District announced its 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Honorees included Alisha Broussard (Howard), Dobie track (Class of 1996); Allen Brown (deceased), Pasadena track coach; Nikki Cockrell, Rayburn softball (Class of 1994); Bobby Crenshaw (deceased), Pasadena football (Class of 1959); LaToya Davis, South Houston basketball (Class of 2002); Bruce Dowdy, Pasadena football (Class of 1967); Harry Morgan, South Houston football coach; Johnny Parker, Rayburn football and basketball (Class of 1968); and Calvin Powitzky Jr., Pasadena football (Class of 1964). The inductees were recognized at a gala on April 14 at Phillips Field House.

Four suspects brazenly robbed the Gordon's Jewelers at Alameda Mall. According to police, a masked man had a pistol and held employees and customers at gunpoint while a masked woman smashed display cases and stole jewelry. The pair then fled the store and were joined by a second male who was not wearing a mask. The three reportedly left the scene in a silver SUV that was being driven by a third male. No immediate arrests were made.

1 year ago (2018)
The South Belt community was struck by a hard freeze Tuesday, Jan. 16, through Wednesday, Jan. 17, closing several area schools, businesses and streets. Unlike the freeze the previous month, this incident brought sleet and icy conditions rather than snowfall. Temperatures dropped into the low 20s,

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PLT presents "Making God Laugh"

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's most established community theater, presents its latest production "Making God Laugh," by Sean Grennan. "Making God Laugh" follows one typical American family over the course of 30 years' worth of holidays. Starting in 1980, Ruthie and Bill's grown children – a priest, an aspiring actress and a former

football star – all return home, where one learns of their plans and dreams as they embark on their adult lives. The empty-nester parents contend with their own changes, too, as old family rituals are trotted out and ancient tensions flare up. As time passes, the family discovers that, despite what one may have in mind, one often arrives at unexpected destinations. Woody Allen once said, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him (about) your plans."

"Making God Laugh" features director Danielle Knight. The family of actors includes Barbara Brandt, Kirk Mashue, Billy Chmielewski, Marla Miller and Kendrix Edwards. The production opens on the Russel Stage Friday, Jan. 25, and continues weekends through Feb. 10. Friday and Saturday show times are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, is the 2-for-1 special. To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.



Pasadena Little Theatre presents "Making God Laugh" by Sean Grennan. The production will open on Jan. 25, and will continue showing on weekends through Feb. 10. Shown above are some of the actors starring in the production, left to right, Billy Chmielewski, Kirk Mashue, Barbara Brandt, Kendrix Edwards and Marla Miller. Ruthie, played by Brandt, is excited to serve her famous Fantasia Dip. Photo submitted

Dominguezes celebrate 59th anniversary in California

Sagemont residents Joe and Yolanda Dominguez recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in California. Joe and Yolanda were married on Dec. 19, 1959, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Houston. A trip was taken to Santa Cruz, Calif., by family members to complete the anniversary celebration. Spending Christmas together in California made the holidays special this year.

The couple's grandchildren Daniel, Lauren and Nathan Chan, prepared a special dinner of pork ribs, steak, fried rice and garden salad that was served with red wine. Dessert featuring a coconut cake was prepared by their daughter Laura Dominguez Chan.

Both Joe and Yolanda are native to Houston and are longtime South Belt area residents, ranking among the original in this area. They attend St. Luke's Catholic Church and are very active in the community, especially in the Dobie High School alumni group. Both are graduates of the first class of Pct. 2 Citizens Police Academy.

They are also proud of the progress of their grandchildren's education. Daniel returns to Stanford to finish his senior year. Lauren resumes her education at Yale University as a sophomore student, and Nathan returns to Menlo Middle School in California.



Clear Brook debate team travels to Spring

Clear Brook High School debaters took to the road the weekend of Dec. 15 to head over to Dekaney High School in Spring where they continued amassing points toward their individual state goals that will culminate in the annual TFA State Tournament in March.

Lincoln-Douglas debate competitors Christa Westheimer and Maryam Babar achieved quarter-finalist status at the meet while their teammates, Sarvesh Subramanian, Kent Pham and Prateesh Vijayakumar competed in the new event, Worlds Debate, besting all other teams and placing first overall.

Not to be outdone in debate events, members also competed in more traditional speaking events, including foreign extemporaneous speaking and impromptu. It was in these events where Rishi Bengani placed sixth and seventh overall respectively while Sarvesh Subramanian picked up his third qualification of the year by placing second overall in foreign extemporaneous speaking.



The Clear Brook High School debate team traveled to Dekaney High School where they continued to rack up the points needed to reach their goals. Shown above are Clear Brook debaters, left to right, Benjamin Eappen, Prateesh Vijayakumar and Kent Pham.

Beta Academy launches middle school band program



Beta Academy will fill the air with song when it launches its first middle school band program in the 2019-2020 school year. Thanks to the sponsorship of local Sam's Club #8244, they were approved for a \$1,000 grant through the Walmart Giving program. The money will be used to buy instruments that the scholars can use to unleash their creativity and build teamwork. The Title 1 charter school is located on Alameda Genoa Road and is expanding to a separate middle school campus soon. The new extension will be located not far from the old campus, but will offer fresh

and exciting opportunities for the children. Shown above are students showing their excitement and appreciation, from left to right, (first row) Isaac Badillo, Alysandra Carrasco, Daniel Gutierrez, Nathanael Baker, Brian Santacruz, Naveeh Perez, (second row) Luke Gonzales, Lyla Villareal, Ethan Gonzalez, Mario Canales, Christopher Puente, (third row) Gizelle Cortes, Dante Rocha, Sophia Cruz, Jayden Cisneros, Emma Rocha, Alexander Hall, (fourth row) Robert Castillo, Kaylee Alvarez, Genesis Fernandez, Michael Pettis and Alexa Echevarria. Photo submitted

Melillo makes generous food, toy donation



Melillo Middle School once again showed caring hearts by donating more than 1,000 food and toy items to the South Belt Leader. The homeroom that donated the most items was Heather Wheeler's fifth-grade class. Shown above with some of the donated items are, left to right, (first row) Serena Delgado, Thalia Oddo, Ivan Ayala, Julian Acevedo, Haley Nguyen, Melanie Sanchez, Kourtney Goeman, (second row) Wheeler, MiaBella Su-

dario Garza, Olivia Wheeler, Michelle Nguyen, Natalie Rangel, Alana Baulch, Abigail Gutierrez, (third row) Adam Baker, Raymundo Solis, Aidan Veitia, Fernando Vargas, Nathan Rodriguez, Kian Ton, (fourth row) Julietta Garcia, Jayden Le, Blessing Akinloye, Morgan Hill, Kylie Campos, Shawn Armstrong, Jonathan Jaiden Flores and Quoc-Bao Ngo.

Photo by Sandra Vam

Bay Area Singles announces monthly dance

The Bay Area Singles Club Monthly Dance will be held on Jan. 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, located at 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson, Post 6378. All Alvin singles are invited to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring party snacks to share. The cost will be \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

Israeli folk dancing continues

Israeli folk dancing will continue through the cold winter months. The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. January dance dates are 21 and 28. February dates are 4, 11, 18 and 25. The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group – even if one has not yet attended. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

CCART holds meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The program will be provided by John Branch who will be speaking on behalf of the Exploration Green Project.

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 held. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. CCART will provide the chicken. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

South Belt holds spelling bee



South Belt Elementary held its annual spelling bee on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Shown are, left to right, Sarah Smith, reading peer facilitator; fourth-grader Olivia Antoine, winner; third-grader Alayna Rodriguez, runner-up; and Amber Morris, assistant principal. Antoine will advance to represent South Belt in the Pasadena Independent School District spelling bee in February. Photo submitted

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Frazier's choir club visits nursing home



The students in Frazier Elementary's Cooperative for After-School Enrichment choir club performed for the residents at Park Manor of South Belt on Thursday, Dec. 20. After their performance, the students delivered Christmas cards created by the art club and visited with the residents. Shown above left is third-grader Julian Hinojosa (left) with Park Manor resident John Dean. Shown above right is fourth-grader Lali Bowman (left) with Park Manor resident Linda Broussard. Shown below are the members of the CASE choir club, left to right, (first row) Taylor Palacios; Kyndall McClain; Nichelle Rodriguez; Bowman; Roger Pererira; Quinn Guillot; (second row) Cullen Ponder; Samantha Portillo; Aubrey Lugo; Maranda Sample; Hinojosa; and Danielle Webster, choir director. Photos by Susan Blue



New senior apartments under construction

Stonebrook Senior Residences is currently under construction at the corner of Kurland Drive and the Gulf Freeway. This new senior-focused apartment development, which is being developed by Robinson Capital & Investment, Inc., and constructed by Camden Builders is set to open in the fall 2019.

Stonebrook 55+ complex coming



The development, comprised of 120 units within a four-story elevator-equipped building will be tailored to seniors in the local area who have incomes of 60 percent or less of the median family income for the Houston area. There will be 72 one-bedroom, one-bath units and 48 two-bedroom, two-bath units available for the residents. Stonebrook Senior Residences will be designed with seniors in mind. The property will have a variety of amenities, of which include, a swimming pool, covered pavilion with barbecue grills and tables, a furnished community room and warming kitchen. The complex will also include a beauty salon, as well as a furnished fitness center. Weekly transportation for residents, health and nutrition classes, financial planning, and other services will be offered. As with all Robinson Capital & Investment, Inc. developments, Stonebrook Senior Residences will have attractive exterior views. For the comfort of the residents, the units will include amenities such as covered entries, microwave ovens, self-cleaning ovens and refrigerators with ice makers, washers and dryers in each unit. The complex includes green building features to promote greater energy efficiency. All features will be comfortably secure with in the property with controlled-gate access for residents and guests. The complex is conveniently located close to a shopping center, restaurants and a bank and Metro bus lines.

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Area boards set election dates

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 board of trustees will hold regular elections for the following trustee positions on May 4, 2019: District 1 currently held by Dr. Laura DuPont and At-Large Position B currently held by Ann Hammond. To date it is not known if the incumbents plan to run for re-election.

To apply for a position on the ballot, pick up a candidate application and information packet at the CCISD Education Support Center located at 2425 E. Main Street, League City, TX 77573.

The district will accept applications on regular business days from now until Feb. 15, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 15. Requests for the Candidate Application and Information Packet in email form may be obtained by emailing Jena Brown, early voting clerk, at jenabrown@ccisd.net, or by calling 281-284-0181.

San Jacinto College
 The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees is expect-

ed to call for an election for two positions at its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 28, 2019.

Positions 3 and 4, currently held by Marie Flickinger and Larry Wilson, respectively, will be on the ballot in May. Both have announced they plan to run for re-election.

Those who wish to run for election of the San Jacinto Community College District board of trustees must meet all of the following requirements:

- Must have lived continuously in one of the independent school districts comprising the San Jacinto Community College District six months prior to the last date on which the candidate can file to be listed on the ballot;
- Must have lived continuously in Texas for 12 months preceding the filing deadline;
- Must be a qualified voter;
- Must be 18 years of age or older;
- Must not be a convicted felon;
- Must be aware of the nepotism law;
- Must serve without compensation; and
- Must not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.

The location for filing for the election is the San Jacinto Community College District Administration Building located at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 200, in Pasadena.

The hours for filing are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline to file for a position on the ballot is Friday, Feb. 15, 2019.

Voters in the following school districts elect the seven San Jacinto Community College District Trustees: La Porte, Deer Park, Pasadena, Galena Park, Channelview, Sheldon, and portions of Clear Creek, Pearland and Humble. Elections for the San Jacinto College board of trustees occur every two years, in odd numbered years.

The board is elected in numbered at-large positions, 1 through 7, and serve six-year terms.

County considers raising pay

Continued from Page 1A
 minimum wage for county employees to \$15 an hour. Commissioner Adrian Garcia requested approval for a countywide employee compensation study on raising the minimum starting salary for county employees.

Ellis, a longtime advocate for fair wages who has already raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour for Precinct One employees, introduced the issue last year on Commissioners Court and requested that the budget office gather data on feasibility and impact.

"The momentum for a \$15 hourly wage is building. Our hardworking county employees deserve to earn a living wage that will sustain their families for the work they do every day in service to the people of Harris County," Ellis said.

Public testimony extended late into the day around a discussion initiated by County Clerk Diane Trautman regarding whether Harris County should establish Election Day Vote Centers, which would allow voters to vote

at any location on election day rather than their assigned neighborhood precinct.

Ellis welcomed the community input, noting that, "We must do everything we can to move our elections into the 21st century while still protecting the right to vote and ensuring that everyone has equal access to participate in our elections free from burdens and barriers. The best way to do that is through strong community oversight and input throughout the entire process."

Leader looking back at 2018

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Dobie boys' soccer plans reunion



Former Dobie varsity boys' head soccer coach and school athletic trainer Jon Schmitz (above) has announced plans for a reunion involving players from the 1983-1984 through 1989-1990 teams. Those former Longhorns will be honored at the current teams' Saturday, Feb. 9 match at Veterans Stadium, beginning at noon. Dobie will be in action against Sam Rayburn that day. There will then be a celebratory dinner/event following the match. Schmitz is currently attempting to reach out to as many of those former players as possible. Those interested in being involved in the reunion may reach Schmitz via email at jschmitz25@gmail.com. Follow the Leader for additional details as they become available.

22-6A soccer title chases begin

To chase or be chased? Like it or not, that's what the respective District 22-6A varsity boys' and girls' soccer races figure to boil down to.

In boys' play, 22-6A newcomers Kingwood and Atascocita certainly figure to be among the challengers to a title that has belonged to Dobie four years running.

Meanwhile, the Kingwood girls have won 28 straight district crowns and will enter 22-6A play as the favorite, with Atascocita not far behind.

Just like that, it's all set to get underway Tuesday, Jan. 22, as the Dobie boys head to Summer Creek to face the Bulldogs, while the Lady Longhorns will host Summer Creek the

same evening at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, a match that could set the tone in the league race.

The Longhorn boys went against three different regional powers at the Austin Lakes Elite Showcase Jan. 10-12, coming away with a 2-1 win over Juarez Lincoln and a 1-0 victory over San Antonio Johnson, sandwiched around a 3-2 loss to Seven Lakes.

Dobie's Bryan Nava had a big tournament for the locals, tallying three goals in the three matches to give him a team-high five scores for the season.

As a team, Dobie entered a Jan. 16 (after press time) nondistrict match against Aldine Davis with a 4-1-2 record.

At the Port Neches Groves Invitational Jan. 10-12, the Lady Longhorns went 1-2 over three games against equally stiff competition, giving the Lady Longhorns an early 4-3 record.

What does any of this mean for the Lady Longhorns? First, they'd like to control the Pasadena ISD ranks in 22-6A action, and look to get past both Summer Creek and Humble.

It's no matter of concession to admit Kingwood and Atascocita would present a challenge to any team in the city. That's been proven.

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Dobie junior goalkeeper Eduardo Benavides and his varsity boys' soccer teammates have their collective focus on winning a fifth straight District 22-6A championship beginning later this month.

22-6A Soccer Openers

Dobie varsity girls host Summer Creek
Tuesday, Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

Dobie varsity boys at Summer Creek
Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Summer Creek High School

Local sports news, notes

Late registration at SBHLL

A few late registration opportunities are still available within the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League as officials prepare for the 2019 spring season.

For players ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2014 and Jan. 1, 2016), the cost is \$125, while those ages 5 through 16 (born between Sept. 2002 and Aug. 2014) will pay \$200 per player.

The league will also for the seventh season offer children ages 5 to 18 with physical and/or mental disabilities the chance to compete in the Challenger division free of charge.

In-person late registration and tryouts will begin Jan. 19 at the SBHLL facility and conclude Saturday, Jan. 26. League officials are also seeking additional volunteer coaches in an effort to allow for additional teams in various divisions. For more information on sign-up opportunities, including documents required to be turned into the league during the sign-up process or the Challenger division, visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

Age 10-11 select football showcase planned

A group of Dobie High School graduates is set to host a tryout for 10-year-old football players (can be 11 years old if birthday is before July 1, 2019) Saturday, Jan. 26, at Dobie High School. The tryout is expected to begin around 10 a.m. The staff is looking to build a roster of 25-30 players to compete in a showcase tournament Feb. 23-24 in San Antonio. The coaching staff is headed by Dobie graduate and head coach Emmanuel Edmondson, assistant head coach Kelton Bailey as well as Vance and Vaughn Leonard, and Maurice Poullard. For additional information or details, direct email to Bailey at keltonmb@yahoo.com.

SBGSA online sign-up

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has initiated early registration activities for the 2019 spring season. Parents may register their children, ages 4 through 16 as of Jan. 1, 2019, online at www.southbeltssoftball.com.

Regular registration within the league is running now through Jan. 20, 2019, and will cost \$75 per player, and include mandatory participation in the league's candy fundraiser.

For those who wish not to take part in the fundraiser, there is a \$135 buyout fee. For more details on the registration activities or the league itself, visit www.southbeltssoftball.com.

Christmas Kelly, PISD greats reach hall

At right, Dobie varsity girls' basketball legend Karima Christmas Kelly (13) will be inducted into the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame April 13 as part of the 2019 class, which also features former Pasadena High School greats Don Kelly, Jimmy McNeil, Bill Newcomb and Paul Ratliff as well as former South Houston star Wayne Adams. Individual tickets to the gala will go on sale beginning next month. Christmas Kelly helped Dobie to its lone state tournament appearance as a freshman during the 2003-2004 season and went on to become a McDonald's All-American selection before a storied career at Duke University. She has since played several seasons both in the WNBA as well as overseas, winning a WNBA championship with the Indian Fever in 2012. Christmas Kelly had her No. 13 Dobie basketball jersey retired during the 2017 McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball tournament. More information about Christmas Kelly, the other Hall of Fame inductees and the PISD gala in April will come in future editions of the Leader.



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The year in review: a final look back at 2018 and its heroes

Editor's note: In the third and final installment of the *Leader's Year in Review* for 2018, we take a look back at some of the big performances from the summer and fall seasons.

Clear Brook players Katlin Newsome and Kennedy Crutchfield also made the prestigious list during the preseason.

Corey Julks, a Clear Brook High School graduate and 2017 eighth-round draft choice of the Houston Astros, got on a roll early in the summer.

In June, Julks was promoted to the Astros' Advanced Class A Buires Creek Astros team, where

games.

From 1996 through 2001, Pierce was the varsity baseball head coach at Dobie High School.

Having gotten Dobie to three Region III semifinals during his time at the high school level, Pierce went on to enjoy success both as a collegiate head coach and assistant coach before landing in Austin.

Pierce was honored as the Big XII Coach of the Year after the Longhorns

Lazo averaged a 194 scoring figure at nationals.

On the boys' side of things, Dobie made the first round of cuts also as senior Brandon Harder and freshman Rudy Luna were named first-team singles players.

Christa Williams Yates, a 1996 Dobie High School graduate and one of the most decorated softball pitchers in the history of the sport, learned she would add to her list of achievements in the fall.

Williams Yates, currently the varsity girls' softball head coach at Friendswood High School, was voted into the National Softball Hall of Fame by USA Softball and was inducted in October.

Growing up in Sagemont, Williams Yates helped lead Dobie to the Class 5A state championship in 1993 and 1995, then missed out on her senior season after being chosen as a member of Team USA for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

After high school graduation, Williams Yates played one season at UCLA and then transferred to the University of Texas, where she helped the Longhorns reach the Women's College World Series.

The University of Texas began its softball program in 1997 under the direction of head coach Connie Clark. After a solid first season, Texas welcomed the transfer of Williams Yates from UCLA.

Clear Brook High School varsity boys' soccer head coach Chris Stromeyer resigned his position at the school and agreed to the same role at Alvin High School.

Stromeyer, a 1995 Clear Brook High School graduate, played soccer for the Wolverines under longtime head coach Rick Sickmiller.

He was then the program's assistant coach for two seasons before spending the past eight campaigns in the lead role.

The position at Alvin became available this summer when then head coach Shawn Ruby moved into school administration.

Clear Brook High School graduate Anthony Miles, now 30, kept the dream alive, having signed to continue his professional basketball career for the 2018 season with the Cagliari Dinamo Academy, part of the Itali Serie 2 league.

After graduating from Clear Brook in 2008, Miles started 105 of 126 career games at Lamar University but went undrafted in the 2012 NBA draft.

Subsequently, Miles has enjoyed a fine playing career overseas. A season ago, he averaged 19.4 points per game for Givova Scafati of the Serie 2 Basketball League.

"I'm still living the basketball dream and providing for my family," he said.

"As long as I can do that, and I do have a terrific support system in place, then I'm going to keep playing as long as I can."

Dobie Class of 2017 graduate Jeremy Green enjoyed a standout freshman season at Ecclesia College, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program in Springdale, Ark.

Now, he's resuming his baseball career in 2018-2019 at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D.

Devin Smeltzer, who led the San Jacinto College baseball team to the 2016 National Junior College Athletic Association World Series title game, was part of the flurry of trades that covered the Major League Baseball ranks late in the season.

The left-hander was a fifth-round pick by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the summer of 2016, just after going 9-3 with a 1.18 earned run average for the Gators during his sophomore season. Up to the time of the trade from

Los Angeles to Minnesota, Smeltzer had gone 12-14 with a 4.53 ERA, splitting his time between starting and relieving.

Smeltzer, who had reached the Class AA ranks with Los Angeles, has joined the Minnesota Twins organization after the Twins dealt major leaguer Brian Dozier to the Dodgers for three minor league prospects, including Smeltzer.

Clear Brook and Dobie began the 2018 varsity volleyball season with wins, and as expected, it was their star players who led the way to victory.

Junior and three-year starter Kailin Newsome had a match-high 15 kills as Clear Brook defeated Class 6A newcomer Bridgeland 29-27, 25-18, 25-23 at Bridgeland.

The Lady Tigers, playing their first-ever varsity match, took Clear Brook to the limit in the first game, only to see the Lady Wolverines control things from there.

Brook junior Bella Lockwood added 12 kills for the winners, and Kennedy Crutchfield had seven kills and six blocks up front. For the match, Clear Brook came up with 14 blocks in the sweep.

Sharing the setting duties, Kayla Carrier had 21 assists to go with 15 from Kayleigh Schultz.

At Elkins, Dobie came up with a 4-set win over the Lady Knights as senior and four-year standout Taylor Pleasants had 15 kills and three service aces to begin her final season.

Dobie won the first two sets 25-15, 25-22 before Elkins won the third game 25-20. But the visitors earned the big points down the stretch, taking the fourth game 25-22.

Izard Evans of the South Belt-based Rising Stars Track Club was truly one of the stars of the AAU Junior Olympics, setting a national record in the boys' 8-under turbo javelin at 118 feet, 9 inches.

Also for the locals, competing in an event per day at nationals, 14-year-old Camryn Dickson's highlight came with a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash at 25.01 seconds.

The Rising Stars' Christal Dickson, Camryn Dickson's cousin, wound up fifth nationally in the 17-18-year-old AAU Junior Olympic women's javelin, coming up with a personal best of 118 feet, 9 inches in the event as she finished a terrific summer.

Class of 2018 Dobie High School graduate BreAnna Smith is now continuing her education and women's basketball career at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo., after signing with the Lady Roadrunners last spring.

A second-team all-district performer in 22-6A, Smith played a key role inside as the Lady Longhorns reached the area playoff round in each of the past two seasons.

State Fair, a National Junior College Athletic Association Division I program competing in Region XVI, in 2017-2018 delivered a 14-17 season but has enjoyed a solid run of success this decade.

Kailin Newsome had a season-high 25 kills, but it wasn't quite enough as host Houston Memorial held off Clear Brook 25-23, 25-21, 20-25, 20-25, 15-8 in varsity volleyball action.

With Bella Lockwood adding 15 kills and Kennedy Crutchfield 10 more, the Lady Wolverines fought back from the two-game deficit to tie the match, only to see Memorial close it out in five.

Kayleigh Schultz and Kyla Carrier combined for 34 assists in the match.

At Baytown Sterling, the Lady Rangers swept past Dobie 25-13, 25-22, 25-15 as the Lady Longhorns suffered their second straight loss of the season after beating Elkins on opening night.

Senior Taylor Pleasants

had 13 kills for Dobie, and Melody Le contributed 10 assists in the match.

Perhaps predictably, the Dobie varsity team tennis squad has found victories hard to come by.

Going up against the likes of Friendswood, Clear Falls, Katy and George Ranch, the inexperienced Longhorns watched over the first couple of weeks as the opponent walked away with the team wins.

That all ended Aug. 21 as the Longhorns traveled to Alvin and defeated the Yellowjackets 12-7 to land that elusive first win.

The Dobie girls' cross-country program came up with a great start to its season, finishing second overall as a team at the Huffman Relays.

At the varsity level, Amari Singleton and Atziri Galarza led the way, combining to take fifth as a duo, covering the 4-mile distance in a time of 27 minutes, 08.7 seconds.

The Lady Longhorns' varsity group included, Singleton, Galarza, Dani Colunga, Izzy Padilla, Ashley Tsikis and Grace Castaneda.

Colunga and Padilla teamed for eighth place, and 14th place went to Tsikis and Castaneda.

Stratford was the team champion, with Dobie second.

Coming into the season, the Lady Longhorns knew they could count on 2017 regional qualifier Amari Singleton and Galarza to lead the team at the front of the pack.

So it wasn't much of a surprise to see the duo combining to excel as the locals have begun the season with back-to-back relay events.

A week after taking fifth overall in an event hosted by the Huffman-Hargrave district, Singleton and Galarza were again fifth in La Porte.

At 27 minutes, 44 seconds, the Lady Longhorn pair finished fifth as Clear Lake won the overall crown.

Dani Colunga and Izzy Padilla were next for the Lady Longhorns, placing 15th in a time of 28:14. Abby Duron and Michaela Munoz also continued their early-season success, placing 36th in a time of 30:12.

The Lady Longhorns also had Tsikis and Castaneda involved, as they took 43rd place at 30:57.

In the varsity boys' division, the Longhorns got a great effort from Jordan Martinez and Thomas Torres as they were 24th overall in a time of 23:16, and Eli Donah and Alberto Campa were the next Dobie finishers, claiming 27th place in a time of 23:41.

At 24:13, the Longhorns' Devin Caballero and Michael Medina were 39th overall, and teammates Mike Mendez and Justin Lavinier were 52nd with their time of 25:09.

Melody Le had 12 assists and Taylor Pleasants blasted 12 kills as the Dobie varsity girls' volleyball team kept pace in the District 22-6A playoff race with a 25-11, 25-18, 25-14 victory at Humble.

For Dobie, it was the team's second straight victory in league play after an opening loss to Summer Creek. The Lady Longhorns also scored a straight-set win over Pasadena at Phillips Field House.

In the win over Pasadena, Pleasants again led the way in kills, again with 12, while Taiya Mitchell and Camryn Wincher added seven each.

Wincher also had six aces for Dobie, which had 18 aces in the match.

Rachel Smith and Pleasants chipped in with four each.

Melody Le and Alivia Gonzalez set the table with 15 assists each.

Sometimes, even when you know what's coming, it's hard to stop it on the football field.

Both visiting Dobie and host Santa Fe turned



San Jacinto College head baseball coach Tom Arrington first got his team back to the college world series and then watched as several of his players were selected in the MLB June First-Year Player Draft.

Heights, Ill., thereby finishing in the top 48 in the country.

Clear Brook, attending nationals for the first time, captured 20th place overall as a team. The performance at nationals capped a banner season for the Lady Wolverines, who during the spring won the regional title and then finished in the Final Four at the high school state championships.

Razo, a Class of 2018 Clear Brook High School graduate, is now bowling collegiately at West Texas A&M.

Dobie Class of 2018 senior Jonathan Acosta stepped up big as a senior for his Longhorn varsity baseball team, filling a need at second base and eventually earning second team All-District status in 22-6A.

he played both in the outfield and as designated hitter.

Through a solid 20-game stretch with Buires Creek, Julks batted .342 with seven doubles, two triples and a home run.

He also drove in seven runs and came up with a walk-off hit for a win.

In mid June, Julks had also stolen 10 bases with Buires Creek, giving him 24 for the season and helping his team to first place.

Clear Brook Class of 2018 graduate Gavin Machado came up with a big offensive season after signing a letter of intent to continue his playing career at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

A terrific all-around senior season, including hitting well above .450 for the campaign and playing solid defense, allowed Machado to be named the 24-6A first team all-district catcher.

Sweeping three teams in pool play action, the Clear Brook football group advanced to the championship bracket at the Adidas 7-on-7 State Championships in College Station.

Following a perfect 3-0 run through pool play, the locals were defeated 40-32 by Georgetown in the round of 32. College Station won the 2018 Division I crown.

The Toronto Blue Jays announced the signing of San Jacinto College right-handed pitcher Mike Pascoe.

The Arlington, N.Y., native tossed 27 innings over two seasons for the Gators, helping the team to back-to-back JUCO World Series appearances.

In 2018, he fanned 27 hitters in 15 relief innings before being chosen in the 24th round by the Blue Jays in the First-Year Amateur Player Draft. He reportedly received a \$100,000 signing bonus.

Baseball America named former Dobie varsity baseball head coach and current University of Texas head coach David Pierce as its College Coach of the Year.

Pierce, in just his second season in Austin, led the Longhorns to the College World Series, where they posted a 1-2 record after three hard-fought

captured their first conference title since 2011.

The Longhorns eventually battled their way back from possible elimination, beating Tennessee Tech twice to reach the College World Series for the first time since 2014.

Overall, the Longhorns posted a 42-23 record in 2018 with Pierce calling the shots.

San Jacinto College shortstop Alerick Soularie and sophomore pitcher Jacob Cantleberry garnered All-American status after leading the Gators to a third-place national finish in 2018.

Soularie, a 2017 graduate of Atascocita High School, delivered a terrific offensive season with San Jacinto College. He led the team with a .402 batting average and also had team highs of eight triples and 23 stolen bases.

At season's end, he was named a third team All-America selection.

The eventual 29th round selectee of the St. Louis Cardinals in the 2018 First-Year Amateur Player Draft also had 10 homers while driving in 47 runs.

Soularie could have chosen to sign with St. Louis last summer but instead is now a sophomore getting ready to begin anew with the University of Tennessee Volunteers.

Cantleberry, who won 23 career games at San Jacinto College, was named an honorable mention All-America pick in 2018.

The Dobie boys' and girls' bowling teams deserved all the credit they got for the memorable season turned in during the 2017-2018 school year.

Rightfully so, and in the end it's important to point out that it was a team effort.

And what a season it was. The Dobie boys' team finished second at the state competition during the 2017-2018 season, while the girls wound up 11th.

The girls' team went on to make the first cut at nationals in Illinois, concluding the best season in program history with a 16th-place ending.

Individually, freshman Victoria Lazo placed 37th in singles at nationals, coming up with the best finish of any Texas female player at the competition.

members from around the country.

Dobie varsity boys' soccer coach Justo Manrique nominated Leal after the gifted defender put together a senior season to remember, including the Defensive Player of the Year honor.

A different week, a different star for the Dobie varsity girls' cross-country team, which finished fifth overall as a team at the Goehring Invitational at Crenshaw Park in Pasadena.

Hosted by South Houston, the meet featured eventual varsity girls' winner Spring Woods as well as each of the Pasadena ISD schools.

For the third straight week, the Lady Longhorns wound up with a great team finish, with freshman Izzy Padilla leading the way this time around.

Padilla, also a Dobie volleyball player, at the time, was eighth in the varsity girls' race, navigating her way over the 5,000-meter course in a time of 22 minutes, 4.27 seconds.

Another early-season standout for the Lady Longhorns, senior Atziri Galarza, was 15th in a time of 22:27.69.

Amari Singleton was next up for the Lady Longhorns as her finish of 22:34.72 was 17th-best, and Michaela Munoz was in at 24:22.69 for 44th place.

Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Ju

to their strengths Aug. 31, in the 2018 regular season varsity football opener in Santa Fe.

In the end, it was Dobie that struck last, getting a 31-yard touchdown run from standout Kris Morris with just over two minutes remaining in the game, enough to lift the Longhorns to a 28-21 victory over the Indians.

Of note, it was a W for Dobie head coach Ken Berneathy in his debut, but he was clearly more excited for his players and assistant coaches as a new era began with a positive result.

The first touchdown of the 2018 season for Dobie came as defensive leader Michael Onozie scooped up a fumble and raced 40 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Dobie then got a 5-yard scoring pass from quarterback Noah Roman to Cameron Guy in the second quarter.

But make no mistake; it was the Longhorns' running game, led by a 166-yard night from Morris, that made the difference.

Morris carried 16 times in the game for those 166 yards. Sophomore Darius Hale, the other half of the Longhorns' two-back set for much of the night, rushed 15 times for 127 yards, including a 54-yard dash in the third quarter that gave his team the lead in the seesaw affair.

In the current age of spread offenses and get-it-and-go philosophies on football fields across

America, the Clear Brook Wolverines were looking to bring back an old-school mentality in their opener against La Porte.

After one game, Brook's plan appeared to be working after the Clear Brook defense stymied La Porte again and again, leading to a 28-6 victory.

The win was significant in that it came in first-year head coach Guadalupe Florez's debut with the Wolverines. Most importantly, it signaled that the team's course of action was solid.

Darius Pamplin had a turnover both on special teams and in the defensive secondary. Offensively, the Wolverines used an overall team speed advantage to win.

Sebastian Leal, who led the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team to a fourth straight league crown while grabbing Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2018, continued to pick up accolades.

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Dobie cross-country runners Izzy Padilla (left) and Camille Singleton both reached the Region III championship meet, giving the school multiple qualifiers for the first time in many seasons.

members from around the country.

Dobie varsity boys' soccer coach Justo Manrique nominated Leal after the gifted defender put together a senior season to remember, including the Defensive Player of the Year honor.

A different week, a different star for the Dobie varsity girls' cross-country team, which finished fifth overall as a team at the Goehring Invitational at Crenshaw Park in Pasadena.

Hosted by South Houston, the meet featured eventual varsity girls' winner Spring Woods as well as each of the Pasadena ISD schools.

For the third straight week, the Lady Longhorns wound up with a great team finish, with freshman Izzy Padilla leading the way this time around.

Padilla, also a Dobie volleyball player, at the time, was eighth in the varsity girls' race, navigating her way over the 5,000-meter course in a time of 22 minutes, 4.27 seconds.

Another early-season standout for the Lady Longhorns, senior Atziri Galarza, was 15th in a time of 22:27.69.

Amari Singleton was next up for the Lady Longhorns as her finish of 22:34.72 was 17th-best, and Michaela Munoz was in at 24:22.69 for 44th place.

Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Ju

to their strengths Aug. 31, in the 2018 regular season varsity football opener in Santa Fe.

In the end, it was Dobie that struck last, getting a 31-yard touchdown run from standout Kris Morris with just over two minutes remaining in the game, enough to lift the Longhorns to a 28-21 victory over the Indians.

Of note, it was a W for Dobie head coach Ken Berneathy in his debut, but he was clearly more excited for his players and assistant coaches as a new era began with a positive result.

The first touchdown of the 2018 season for Dobie came as defensive leader Michael Onozie scooped up a fumble and raced 40 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Dobie then got a 5-yard scoring pass from quarterback Noah Roman to Cameron Guy in the second quarter.

But make no mistake; it was the Longhorns' running game, led by a 166-yard night from Morris, that made the difference.

Morris carried 16 times in the game for those 166 yards. Sophomore Darius Hale, the other half of the Longhorns' two-back set for much of the night, rushed 15 times for 127 yards, including a 54-yard dash in the third quarter that gave his team the lead in the seesaw affair.

In the current age of spread offenses and get-it-and-go philosophies on football fields across

America, the Clear Brook Wolverines were looking to bring back an old-school mentality in their opener against La Porte.

After one game, Brook's plan appeared to be working after the Clear Brook defense stymied La Porte again and again, leading to a 28-6 victory.

The win was significant in that it came in first-year head coach Guadalupe Florez's debut with the Wolverines. Most importantly, it signaled that the team's course of action was solid.

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San Jacinto College freshman catcher Allison Bravo, a Dobie graduate, was an all-conference selection for the Coyotes in 2018 and is one of the team's leaders heading into the 2019 campaign at month's end.

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Coyotes to open 2019 on Isle

An up-and-down 2018 season now in the rearview mirror, San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz (right) and her team are ready to get things going this time around, with an appearance at the Galveston College Whitecap Invitational coming Jan. 25-26 on the island.



San Jacinto College 2019 Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 25-26	at Galveston tourn.	TBA
Feb. 1-2	at LSU-Eunice tourn.	TBA
Feb. 8-9	San Jac Invitational	TBA
Feb. 16	*Angelina (2)	2 p.m.
Feb. 20	McLennan (2)	1 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	at Temple tourn.	TBA
March 1	Odessa (2)	1 p.m.
March 8-10	at NFCA Lead-Off Classic	TBA
March 15	*Coastal Bend (2)	2 p.m.
March 16	*Laredo (2)	2 p.m.
March 23	*at Lamar State-P.A. (2)	1 p.m.
March 24	at LSU-Eunice (2)	2 p.m.
March 29	*at Galveston (2)	1 p.m.
March 30	*at Alvin (2)	1 p.m.
April 5	*at Blinn (2)	2 p.m.
April 12	*at Coastal Bend (2)	1 p.m.
April 13	*at Laredo (2)	1 p.m.
April 19	*Blinn (2)	2 p.m.
April 22	Baton Rouge (2)	2 p.m.
April 24	*Galveston (2)	3 p.m.
April 27	*Lamar State-P.A. (2)	2 p.m.
May 1	*Alvin (2)	3 p.m.
May 4	LSU-Eunice (2)	1 p.m.
May 10-13	at Region XIV tourn.	TBA

* - Region XIV games

Dobie girls' hoops score big win

The high school basketball races to the playoffs are getting tighter and tighter, with contending teams looking to hold off their respective opponents for positions. Meanwhile, those lagging behind are finding themselves with fewer and fewer chances to catch up. Here is a look at how it stands for the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity teams at this point.

JFD girls push on
A 51-38 loss to Summer Creek likely will keep the Dobie varsity girls from making a late push for the 22-6A championship, but the locals are nonetheless in the postseason field at this point.

Doubling up Pasadena 64-32 Jan. 15 on Teacher Appreciation Night at Dobie, the Lady Longhorns are now 7-3 in District 22-6A action.

With six league games remaining, the games seemingly get bigger and bigger for the Lady Longhorns.

Atascocita fronts the league standings at a per-

fect 9-0, with Summer Creek second at 9-1. Humble, which hosts Dobie Jan. 18, is a half game up on the Lady Longhorns.

Dobie also has a difficult road game coming against Atascocita, but for now the locals are doing what it takes to stay in the mix.

Aside from the aforementioned Atascocita, Summer Creek, Humble and Dobie, the rest of the district has been trending downward.

The playoffs are far from set, but Dobie is in position to only strengthen its standing.

JFD boys slipping
A second loss to Pasadena in 22-6A play Jan. 15 suddenly has the Dobie varsity boys' team in need of a string of victories in order to get back in the postseason hunt.

Prior to that, the Longhorns lost 48-41 at home to Summer Creek after a 17-6 fourth-quarter run allowed the Bulldogs to take the win. In that one, Shannon Hayes led Dobie with 14 points.

Moving ahead to Jan. 15, the Longhorns again had a tough final eight minutes as the Eagles took a 50-49 victory.

Junior Marquice Scott had 19 points, but overall the Longhorns shot just 32 percent from the field, allowing the Eagles a rare season sweep.

Now at 3-6, the Longhorns have dropped in a group of standings that is beginning to get top-heavy.

Summer Creek is 8-0, with both South Houston and Humble at 7-2. Atascocita has won two straight to get to 6-3. Like in the 22-6A girls' race, the rest of the field is beginning to slip a bit.

Brook boys now 2-3
Dickinson, with elite scorer Tramon Mark leading the way, has joined Clear Creek at 5-0 and atop the 24-6A standings in boys' play.

Clear Lake has won three of its first five games, including one over Clear Brook, while the Wolverines are 2-3 after an 81-66 loss to Clear Creek Jan. 15, a game that saw the Wildcats turn the tide with a 23-7 run.

The Wolverines will host Clear Falls Jan. 18, as part of Teacher Appreciation Night.

Azore gets hot at UT-A
The disappointment he must have felt 16 months ago has almost certainly faded for David Azore, Jr., who is the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball program's all-time leading scorer.

A knee ligament injury during the preseason of the 2017-2018 campaign forced the freshman to red-shirt while rehabilitating.

Now as a player with still four years of playing eligibility, Azore is on a roll at UT-Arlington.

Averaging 8.5 points per game, Azore has increased that average to 11 points per game in conference play as he has given the Mavericks a lift.

PISD Intermediate Boys' Basketball Through Jan. 15

8A Records Zone A	District W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	7 0 0
South Houston	2 2 0	3 4 0
San Jacinto	2 2 0	3 4 0
Miller	2 2 0	3 4 0
Southmore	0 4 0	0 7 0

7A Records Zone A	District W L T	Overall W L T
South Houston	4 0 0	7 0 0
Thompson	3 1 0	6 1 0
San Jacinto	2 2 0	3 4 0
Southmore	1 3 0	3 4 0
Miller	0 4 0	0 7 0

Game Scores
Thompson 67, Beverly Hills 61
South Houston 52, San Jacinto 49
Miller 54, Southmore 28

Game Scores
Thompson 47, Beverly Hills 45
Southmore 35, Miller 31
South Houston 46, San Jacinto 25

Zone B	W L T	W L T	T
Bondy	3 1 0	5 2 0	
Queens	3 1 0	5 2 0	
Beverly Hills	2 2 0	4 3 0	
Park View	2 2 0	3 4 0	
Jackson	0 4 0	1 6 0	

Zone B	W L T	W L T	T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	6 1 0	
Queens	3 1 0	3 4 0	
Park View	2 2 0	4 3 0	
Bondy	1 3 0	3 4 0	
Jackson	0 4 0	0 7 0	

Game Scores
Park View 46, Jackson 20
Bondy 46, Queens 40

Game Scores
Park View 32, Jackson 21
Queens 43, Bondy 24

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South Houston	1 3 0	3 4 0
Miller	0 4 0	1 6 0

Game Scores
San Jacinto 48, South Houston 30
Miller 42, Southmore 30

Game Scores
Thompson 47, Beverly Hills 37
San Jacinto 34, South Houston 12
Southmore 24, Miller 22

Zone B	W L T	W L T	T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	7 0 0	
Bondy	3 1 0	5 2 0	
Park View	2 2 0	2 5 0	
Queens	1 3 0	2 5 0	
Jackson	0 4 0	0 7 0	

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Beverly Hills	4 0 0	6 1 0	
Bondy	3 1 0	5 2 0	
Queens	2 2 0	4 3 0	
Park View	1 3 0	1 6 0	
Jackson	0 4 0	0 7 0	

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 47, Thompson 40
Park View 50, Jackson 34
Bondy 25, Queens 23

Game Scores
Bondy 45, Queens 14
Park View 33, Jackson 25

PISD Intermediate Girls' Basketball Through Jan. 15

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Thompson	4 0 0	6 1 0
Miller	3 1 0	5 2 0
Southmore	2 2 0	2 5 0
San Jacinto	1 3 0	2 5 0
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Southmore	0 3 0	0 6 0

Game Scores
San Jacinto 23, South Houston 17
Miller 27, Southmore 18

Game Scores
Thompson 34, Beverly Hills 2
San Jacinto 34, South Houston 19
Miller 41, Southmore 6

Zone B	W L T	W L T	T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	7 0 0	
Bondy	3 1 0	4 3 0	
Queens	2 2 0	4 3 0	
Jackson	1 3 0	4 3 0	
Park View	0 4 0	0 7 0	

Zone B	W L T	W L T	T
Queens	3 1 0	4 3 0	
Beverly Hills	3 1 0	4 3 0	
Bondy	3 1 0	4 3 0	
Park View	1 3 0	2 5 0	
Jackson	0 4 0	1 6 0	

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 39, Thompson 30
Jackson 37, Park View 19
Bondy 41, Queens 25

Game Scores
Park View 37, Jackson 11
Bondy 25, Queens 22

8B Records Zone A	District W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	7 0 0
Miller	3 1 0	5 2 0
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San Jacinto	1 3 0	3 4 0
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San Jacinto	0 4 0	2 5 0
South Houston	2 2 0	4 3 0

Game Scores
Thompson 40, Beverly Hills 18
San Jacinto 28, South Houston 8
Miller 25, Southmore 14

Game Scores
Miller 19, Southmore 13
Thompson 23, Beverly Hills 10
South Houston 23, San Jacinto 8

Zone B	W L T	W L T	T
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Park View	1 3 0	1 6 0	
Bondy	3 1 0	5 2 0	
Jackson	1 3 0	2 5 0	

Game Scores
Park View 18, Jackson 10
Bondy 33, Queens 19

Game Scores
Bondy 18, Queens 9
Jackson 15, Park View 14

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com for details.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18
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10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsr@aol.com for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon,

Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 Broadway, Pearland. Call 713-661-4200.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 Broadway, Pearland. For information, call 713-661-4200.

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsr@aol.com for details.

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

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

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2930 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-661-4200.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 21
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature

Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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

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

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

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

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Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., in room 110 D (except when library is closed). For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. 7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200. 7:30 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org. 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csi@shaarhashalom.org. 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1:30 p.m.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalex@texascitizensbank.com. 2 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

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District soccer races to get underway; Dobie boys to seek fifth straight crown

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Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald has said all along that the bar is set with Atascocita and Kingwood.

From there, it's a battle with the other programs to gain an edge in the playoff battle.

For the now 4-3 Lady Longhorns, it's all about getting that first key win against Summer Creek Tuesday, Jan. 22, at home against Summer Creek. Match time is 5:30 p.m. at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

JFD hits PNG event

Port Neches Groves is a definite regional contender. So going into the Lady Indians' invitational tournament, the Dobie varsity girls knew they'd be in for

a tough go of it.

Despite beating Hampshire Fannett and losing to Port Neches Groves and College Station, Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald and his group came away feeling positive about the progress that's been made in the first two weeks.

And with District 22-6A play coming against a new cast of characters from Humble ISD, optimism reigns.

"Overall, it was a good weekend for us (in Port Neches)," McDonald said. "The goal was to go play a couple very talented teams to challenge ourselves."

"We had to shake off some rust in our first game against Fannett (a 2-0 win). But, ultimately, we

played a good game. Our goals came from Victoria Chu and Francesca Reyes."

Later in the day Jan. 10, Dobie went up against College Station. After playing to a 1-1 tie at halftime, Dobie surrendered a pair of second-half scores in an eventual 3-1 defeat.

"We focused on our defensive organization (against College Station)," McDonald said. "We really played a good first half and scored on a set piece (with Marina Vasquez getting the goal)."

"We went to halftime tied 1-1. It was a lot of the same in the second half. We made one mistake and went down 2-1. Before we could recover, they scored again less than a minute later."

Dobie got a goal from Yanelly Perez to go ahead of Port Neches Groves in the first half.

From there, PNG controlled the action, taking advantage of Dobie moving stellar defender Taiya Mitchell up top in an attempt to tie the game in one instance.

Overall, though, McDonald was pleased, as were his players. There are going to be several tough, physical soccer games coming up in 22-6A play, and the Lady Longhorns have now experienced the feel of that style of play.

"Despite the two losses, we are better for it. We have quite a few varsity newcomers this year, as well as returners playing in different roles, so I ex-

pected there to be an adjustment period.

"There have been lessons learned in every game we've played, but without question we have played better in each consecutive outing. This team is really coachable and committed to the process. I can't ask for more."

"Summer Creek is a new opponent so there is a bit of an unknown there. But I believe the kids are eager to start the real (district) season."

JFD boys to defend

As for that run toward a fifth straight district title, the Dobie boys appear ready.

Wins over playoff regulars Juarez Lincoln and San Antonio Johnson in Austin were big-time deals. Despite a tough loss to Seven Lakes, JFD head coach Justo Manriquez came away with a smile.

"It was definitely a playoff atmosphere up there, and we faced several different styles of play and did well. Juarez Lincoln made it to the regional semis last year and was very good. We got a win over a very good team in that one."

"San Antonio Johnson schooled us last year up there and supposedly only lost one senior regular, so beating them was great as well."

"We got robbed against Seven Lakes in my opinion, but that's how it goes sometimes. Overall, I thought we played well."

"Our plan was to pack it in defensively and take advantage of counters when we could. We were able to get ahead in each of the games, so that helped."

As for the upcoming 22-6A race, Manriquez expects more of the same, yet much is unknown.

He still touts Memorial's overall talent as the best in the district, but also

sees tougher, more physical play coming from the Humble ISD schools.

"It's tough to get a

win any night," Manriquez said. "I would certainly think Kingwood will present strong, physical

play, as will some of the other Humble ISD opponents. And when you have to travel over there for

games, it's an even bigger challenge. This district stacks up to be as tough as it's been since I got here."

JFD girls' hoops roll on; CB boys in mix

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So it's coming down to the wire in District 22-6A, so to speak, while there is still time for the Clear Brook boys to better their position in the 24-6A race.

Granted, the Dobie girls topped 22-6A two years

running under a different head coach, but newcomer Jasmine Hartman has done a terrific job of keeping the Lady Longhorns on a roll with a vastly different cast of characters.

The same can be said for Clear Brook first-year

varsity head coach Nathan Janak, who has the Wol-

verines in the mix in 24-6A.

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball (As of Jan. 16)

Teams	W	L
Atascocita	9	0
Summer Creek	9	1
Humble	8	3
Dobie	7	3
Memorial	5	6
Kingwood	4	7
Sam Rayburn	2	8
Pasadena	1	9
South Houston	0	10

District 24-6A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball (As of Jan. 16)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	6	1
Clear Lake	5	2
Clear Falls	5	2
Clear Creek	4	3
Alvin	3	3
Dickinson	1	6
Clear Brook	0	7

District 24-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball (As of Jan. 16)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	5	0
Clear Creek	5	0
Clear Lake	3	2
Clear Brook	2	3
Clear Springs	2	4
Clear Falls	1	4
Alvin	0	5

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball (As of Jan. 16)

Teams	W	L
Summer Creek	8	0
South Houston	7	2
Humble	7	2
Atascocita	6	3
Pasadena	4	5
Kingwood	4	5
Dobie	3	6
Sam Rayburn	1	8
Memorial	0	9



Dobie defenders Raul Hernandez (9) and Imanol Pena (10) will play key roles as the Longhorns look to contain several potent offenses in the upcoming

District 22-6A race that will feature a talented Memorial squad as well as Humble ISD newcomers Kingwood, Atascocita, Humble and Summer Creek.

Big team performances, individual efforts highlight 2018 sports scene

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lks put together a big post-season as he helped the Houston Astros Class A Advanced Buies Creek affiliate win the Mills Cup championship, signifying the winner of the Carolina League.

With poor weather affecting the east coast, the championship series was trimmed to a one-game, winner-take-all scenario.

Buies Creek first swept Winston-Salem in a best-of-five series, and Julks played a big role throughout.

Julks came up with a decisive 2-run homer in the top of the sixth inning in game two, breaking a 1-1 tie and sending the Astros to a 3-1 victory and commanding series lead.

In the opening game, Julks' two-run single paved the way for a 5-4 victory. As Buies Creek closed out Winston-Salem, Julks was hitless but drew a pair of walks and scored a run.

Julks played at the University of Houston following high school graduation and was an all-conference performer for the Cougars.

The Astros drafted Julks in the eighth round in 2017, and he played in 32 games that season after signing.

This season over two stops, Julks had 30 doubles, 10 home runs and 62 runs batted in with a .270 batting average.

Well now, this was quite fun. The Kevin Berneathy coaching era at Dobie High School was off to a rousing start after two weeks, with the Longhorns' varsity team beating Bellaire 42-33 at Butler Stadium in Houston to go to 2-0 early on.

With Kris Morris scoring three of his four touchdowns in the first half, the Longhorns built a 35-21 lead at halftime and then turned things over to the defense in the second half.

Winning two games to start a season for the first time since 2011, the offense delivered 475 yards rushing against the Cardinals, highlighted by 213 yards from Morris and another 178 yards from Darius Hale.

Clear Brook High School graduate Caleb Chapman, a freshman receiver at Texas A&M University, suffered a season-ending injury.

Chapman, statistically the top receiver in Clear Brook football history, went

down with a lower leg injury during the Aggies' Sept. 8 victory over Louisiana-Monroe. Now recovering, Chapman is expected to be a full-go for the 2019 season.

Clear Brook gave it a go, but state-ranked Angleton had too much firepower in the end as the Wildcats claimed a 49-23 victory over the locals in Angleton.

The Wolverines got a short touchdown burst from Michael Norris, a scamper down the sideline for another score from La'Darrion Florez and a kickoff return touchdown of 85 yards from Loroza Thompson.

However, Angleton, a 2017 Class 5A state semifinalist, seemingly had answers each time the Wolverines appeared to creep closer.

Brook, which fell to 1-2 with the loss, got an interception and a fumble recovery from Isaiah Gundling, and Sedrick Cole also recovered a fumble in the game.

Molly Fichtner, a Clear Brook High School Class of 2010 graduate who went on to play collegiately at both the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Alabama, landed a new job.

Fichtner, who has seen success at the highest levels of the game, was named Louisiana-Monroe's seventh head softball coach, as announced by interim athletics director Scott McDonald on Sept. 21.

The Friendswood native has spent the last year as an assistant coach at East Carolina University.

"Molly is highly-respected within the coaching community and her academic achievements garnered as a student-athlete have transferred over into her coaching career, leading her to great heights, and thankfully ULM," ULM Interim Athletics Director Scott McDonald said.

Dobie knew it would need to play a near-perfect football game in order to give itself a chance at knocking off Summer Creek in its District 22-6A opener Sept. 22.

Problem is, it didn't happen. Not even close.

Instead, the Bulldogs, suddenly the hottest team in the league, capitalized on six Dobie fumbles en route to a 38-13 victory at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

Dobie fumbled nine times, losing six of them. In all, the Bulldogs were able to score 24 of their 38 points following Longhorn miscues.

It's certainly not what the Longhorns were hoping for in their league play debut. The Bulldogs, who led 2-0 at halftime, are out to a 2-0 start after beating Memorial and Dobie in consecutive weeks.

Was C.E. King for real this season? The Panthers certainly believed so, what with a 4-0 start to show for its efforts after a 56-35 victory over Clear Brook.

Panther quarterback Ulysses Bentley, executing his team's vaunted veer offensive package to near perfection, led the way with 292 yards rushing on just 23 attempts.

Meanwhile, C.E. King fullback Roderick Crumedy added 271 yards on the ground as the Panthers stayed one to two steps ahead of the Wolverines throughout the game.

The second half of district play is underway in the Region III varsity volleyball ranks, meaning the race to the playoffs is in the final stages.

Big steps taken? How about Clear Brook's stunning 25-16, 25-19, 25-18 home varsity volleyball win over Clear Creek?

For history buffs, it was Clear Brook's first victory over Clear Creek in nine seasons, dating back to 2009 and covering 21 consecutive matches. It's the first time ever that the Lady Wolverines have beaten Clear Creek in straight sets.

Mayce Barker had 15 kills to go with 14 from Kailin Newsome.

Bella Lockwood had 12 kills as the Lady Wolverines, 20-14 overall to that point in the season, put together their finest performance of the season at precisely the right moment.

Thanks to a program-record 70-point outburst, the Longhorns delivered their faithful fans a big finish to homecoming week, downing Humble 70-20 while posting 637 yards of offense along the way.

At 4-1 overall and 2-1 in District 22-6A play, the Longhorns had an opportunity to take a major step toward a possible postseason

berth by beating Kingwood. For Berneathy, it's simply a matter of taking things week by week.

"I think we realize how big this game is, but we look at it as having 10 opportunities to prove ourselves in the regular season, and this is just another one of those opportunities," Berneathy said. For the record, Kingwood defeated the Longhorns the following week.

Try as it might, the Dobie varsity team tennis squad couldn't seem to shake longtime foe Deer Park.

Over the past several seasons until 2018, it was Deer Park that stood in the way of Dobie winning the District 22-6A championship.

When the University Interscholastic League's 2018-

2020 biannual realignment sent the Deer to District 21-6A, Dobie had to feel as though it was done with its longtime nemesis for a while.

Not so fast. Baytown Sterling's 10-9 victory over Deer Park in 21-6A play, coupled with Dobie's third-place finish in 22-6A, meant the two programs would meet again in the bidistrict round of the playoffs. Unfortunately, Deer Park won yet again.

Freshman Izzy Padilla and sophomore Amari Singleton certainly represent both the present and future of Dobie varsity girls' cross-country. Again coming up with dazzling performances, the two Lady Longhorns qualified for the Region III Cross-Country Champion-

ships after starring at the 22-6A meet at Atascocita High School.

Padilla made her way to Huntsville's Kate Ross-Barr Park after finishing seventh overall at the 22-6As, covering the 5,000-meter course in a time of 20 minutes, 23.43 seconds, with Singleton ninth overall at 20:25.52. Singleton also reached the Region III Championships in 2017 as a freshman.

As for regionals, what a season it was for the Dobie High School girls' cross-country program.

Padilla and Singleton starred all season as the Lady Longhorns placed two runners at the Region III Championships for the first time in years in head coach Mo Hickman's just second season.

Few expected Padilla or Singleton, now a two-time regional qualifier, to medal at the 2018 Region III meet. They didn't, yet they more than made their community, school and teammates proud.

In the end, Padilla, a freshman multi-sport competitor at Dobie, placed 63rd overall in the 6A Region III event, with Singleton 69th in Huntsville.

Garrett Rooker threw for three touchdowns and the Clear Springs defense held Clear Brook to 75 yards rushing in a key District 24-6A clash.

Springs, the defending 24-6A champion, got touchdowns passes from Rooker of 34 and 40 yards to Isaiah Bibb, and Rooker also found Reggie Carr for 34 yards and a touchdown.

Bibb wound up with seven grabs for 159 yards in the game, and the Chargers' bruising tailback Todd Hudson had 115 yards rushing on 20 carries.

Clear Brook had hoped to build on a district win over Clear Falls the week prior, but found itself down 21-7 at halftime.

Carr's touchdown catch was the lone score of the second half.

Blake Jackson obviously did enough in the preseason to remain on the minds of Cleveland Browns executives.

In need of roster depth, the Browns signed Jackson, a 2011 Dobie High School graduate, to the team's practice squad.

A quarterback at Dobie and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Jackson has transitioned to wide receiver. He signed with the Browns during the preseason but was part of the last round of cuts.

He ended the 2018 season on the active roster during the Browns' final game against Baltimore.

Lutheran South Academy's Noah Miller put on a show at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District 7 Cross-Country Championships, winning the varsity boys' overall title honor.

Miller, a senior, covered the 5,000-meter course in a time of 17 minutes, 14:91 seconds to win the D7 championship, helping the Pioneers to a fourth place team finish.



Dobie's Kris Morris (20) led the Longhorns back to the postseason with a monster senior campaign, rushing for nearly 1,400 yards and 17 touchdowns in a regular season. Understandably, he was a first team all-district selection.

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