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Woman stabs father

A woman was arrested early Monday, Jan. 18, after she allegedly stabbed her father around 2:30 a.m. at their apartment located at Arlington Square and East Edgebrook. The father was transported to the hospital in serious but stable condition. The unnamed adult daughter reportedly suffers from mental illness. Police did not comment on a known motive for the attack.

Sagemont Park meets

The Sagemont Park Civic Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Sagemont Park Community Center on Hughes Road near Beltway 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Lady Longhorns host bingo

The Dobie Lady Longhorns Booster Club will hold a bingo fundraiser Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through a Dobie soccer player or a booster club member. The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie soccer program throughout the school year. For more information, email jfdgirlssoccer@gmail.com.

CCFA meets January 26

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) Bay Area Support Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the State Farm Insurance office located at 12941 Gulf Freeway Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend. Meetings are free.

Financial aid help at Dobie

Dobie High School will hold a financial aid program on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria for Dobie students and parents. The program will address the process for seniors to apply for financial aid (Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA) for college in the fall of 2016. Junior parents are welcome to attend to learn more about the process for a future senior student.

Knights sell spaghetti

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will sponsor a fundraising spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, located at 11011 Hall Road. The menu will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti covered with original KC 9201 Pasta Sauce, two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, and iced 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.

Winter Wonderland Jan. 30

The Frozen Winter Wonderland festival will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 5354 Space Center Blvd. Saturday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and snacks and raffle tickets will be available. Activities include snow, games, crafts, and a visit from the Snow Queen. For additional information, call 281-484-4814 or visit www.asbury.cc.

LSA Open House Jan. 31

Lutheran South Academy will host an open house for prospective families on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 2 until 4 p.m. Lutheran South is a PreK-12, fully accredited, college preparatory Christian school, with certified Christian educators who prepare students for higher education and life to become Christian leaders. During the open house, parents will take a tour of the facilities, meet the faculty and have the opportunity to see first-hand what Lutheran South is all about.

LSA is located at 12555 Ryewater Drive, near I-45 and Dixie Farm Road. For more information, contact Lee Ann Kerr, director of admissions, at 281-617-5619 or at leann.kerr@lutheransouth.org.

Girls soccer boosters meet

The Dobie Lady Longhorns Booster Club, the official booster organization of the school's based soccer program, will host its first Bingo fundraiser in order to raise funds for costs associated with the soccer program. Old Fashioned Bingo will be held Saturday, March 5, at Dobie High School. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through any Dobie soccer player or booster club member. The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie soccer program throughout the school year. For additional information, email jfdgirlssoccer@gmail.com.

Atkinson scholarships

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

Dobie names 2016 Hall of Honor inductees

Four Dobie High alumni representing four diverse professions – banking, science, the clergy and law enforcement – have been chosen for induction into the school's Hall of Honor.

Banker Robert E. Marling Jr. (Dobie Class of 1974), research scientist Dr. Mark Yandell (Class of 1983), the Rev. Sean Horigan (Class of 1984), and Harris County Constable Phil Sandlin (Class of 1987) will be honored at an induction ceremony next month at the high school.

The late Carole Stockinger, a longtime English teacher at Dobie, will also be inducted.

The 2016 group of Dobie inductees – the fourth group to be selected since the Hall of Honor was established in 2013 -- will bring the total of honored alumni, teachers and community supporters to 35. Stockinger will join previous teaching inductees Richard Golenko, Scott Talton and Catherine Haney.

Marling is currently chairman and CEO of Woodforest Financial Group, Inc., the parent firm for Woodforest National Bank. Under Marling's direction, the bank has expanded to include more than 780 branches in Texas and 16 other states.

Yandell is one of the nation's top researchers in the field of genetics. An expert in the mapping and sequencing of human genomes, he currently supervises a university laboratory that bears his name.

For the past 12 years, the Rev. Horigan has served as pastor of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and Parish in the Cypress area. Under his leadership, the church has become one of the largest – and fastest-growing – in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese.

Sandlin has served as constable for Precinct 8 since 2011. His service to the precinct dates back

to 1992.

Stockinger, who taught at Dobie from 1991 until her death in 2007, is well remembered for starting and sponsoring the *Étalo*, an award-winning literary magazine featuring poems, artwork and stories produced by Dobie students.

The ceremony to honor the new inductees will be held Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

The Hall of Honor is maintained as a plaque display in the center of the campus.

New inductees are selected yearly by a campus panel of faculty and administrators with input from alumni and the community.

Inductees

Robert E. Marling (Class of 1974)

Marling began his banking career shortly after graduating from Dobie. His first stop was First City Bank at Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. In 1989, after moving up the ranks within the First City financial group, he made an investment that changed his life.

Marling and his partner, E.G. (Ken) Kendrick, Jr. (now the owner of the Arizona Diamondbacks), purchased a small, 10-year-old bank in Galena Park named Woodforest National Bank. Marling took the role of the bank's executive

vice president, became the firm's major stockholder, and in 1990, became its chief executive officer.

In 1996, Marling took the bold step of opening a Woodforest Branch in a Walmart in Conroe. Today, Woodforest is Walmart's largest retail partner and a banking staple in 17 states across the South and Midwest. The bank has \$4.5 billion in total assets with more than 4,800 employees and 756 branches.

Marling is currently the chairman and CEO of Woodforest Financial Group, Inc. He also serves on the boards of Woodforest National Bank (chairman), Woodforest Charitable Foundation (chairman), Merchants' Choice Payment Solutions, the Pulse/Discover Oversight Committee, the Woodforest Golf Club and the Greater Houston Golf Charity.

He also serves as an advisory director for Texas Children's Hospital/The Woodlands and is **Continued on Page 2A**



Marling

Crashes continue at Hughes, Beamer



Car crashes continue to frequently occur at the intersection of Hughes and Beamer, where ongoing construction is causing confusion among many. The above two-vehicle crash (a silver SUV is not pictured) occurred the morning of Thursday, Jan. 14. No injuries were reported. A Houston police officer at the scene, who wished to remain anonymous, told the *Leader* he hopes the construction is completed soon, as he is tired of responding to accidents there. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Fetus found in SoHo bathroom

The body of a newborn baby was found in a bathroom at South Houston High School the night of Wednesday, Jan. 13.

According to Pasadena Independent School District officials, the baby was discovered by a custodian around 9 p.m. Police were immediately notified.

"At this time, we do not know the gestational age of the fetus or whether the baby was born alive or not," said PISD spokeswoman Renea Ivy. "The medical examiner has ordered an autopsy."

School officials were able to identify the juvenile mother using campus surveillance footage.

She was subsequently taken to receive medical treatment.

Channel 11 news reported the female student may be a victim of sexual assault. The girl's mother reportedly said the 16-year-old had been seeing a 23-year-old man against her parents' wishes. The family said they had previously notified police but to no avail. At press time, no charges had been filed against the mother or potential father. The autopsy and investigation are ongoing.

The story made national headlines, including an article in *People* magazine.

PISD to honor Flickinger Jan. 28

The Pasadena Independent School District will honor *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger as the district's 2015 Distinguished Citizen Thursday, Jan. 28, at a reception at the Lewis Career and Technical High School, 1348 Genoa Red Bluff, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Each year, the award is given to a community

member whose leadership and committed efforts enhanced the educational experience of PISD students and improved the quality of life for residents. Reception attendees are urged to RSVP at www1.pasadenaisd.org/commsvcp.

See the Nov. 12 edition of the *Leader* for full biography on Flickinger.

Leader remembers highlights of 2015

The year in review is continued from the last issue. Stories up to July 2 can be found in the previous two editions of the *Leader*.

July 2

At a press conference on June 30, Houston Mayor Annise Parker formally announced the Federal Aviation Administration's approval for Ellington Airport to become the nation's 10th commercial spaceport. Houston City Council initially approved the spaceport in July 2013. The launches being proposed for Ellington Airport would involve reusable launch vehicles executing horizontal, rather than vertical, take-offs, departing in a fashion similar to commercial aircraft.

A Sagemeadow resident made national headlines when someone allegedly set fire to a Confederate flag hanging in front of his house. Originally from Alabama, Michael Peek said he mounted the flag to replace an American flag that had been stolen from the property. The incident came fresh on the heels of a national debate about the Confederate flag after accused South Carolina shooter Dylan Roof was photographed with it. Several national retail chains had since pulled the item from stores.

July 9

An alligator was captured from the pond at the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. The creature had instilled fear in many homeowners who thought it might be a threat to their children or pets. After multiple complaints to Harris County and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department proved fruitless in removing the animal, local residents contacted Chris Stephens, also known as "Gator Chris," from VanMor Properties, the company responsible for managing the Riverstone Ranch homeowners association. Stephens used a traditional fishing rod and reel to catch the alligator, which was released to a conservation farm in El Campo.

July 16

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved multiple administrative promotions involving staff members with close ties to the South Belt community.

Former Dobie High School assistant principal Melissa Allen was named principal of Thompson Intermediate School this year. Allen has worked for PISD since 2002, moving from teacher to peer facilitator then to an administrator. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and also holds a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. In 2013, Allen earned her Ed.D. from the University of Houston.

Former Thompson Intermediate Principal Toni Lopez was named executive director of

Curriculum and Instruction. Lopez served as principal for six years at Thompson and has 19 years of educational experience. Lopez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies from Texas A&M University and a master's in educational management with principal certification from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Previously a fifth-grade teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate School for 14 years, Travis Teichelman was hired as assistant principal of Thompson Intermediate School. Teichelman earned his Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice from Stephen F. Austin University and also holds a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

July 23

Kelly Buckman, wife of the late Steve Buckman, was sworn in to fill the remainder of her husband's term on the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District's board of directors. Steve Buckman died June 20 after a long illness. Kelly Buckman will serve until the term expires in May 2016, at which time state law requires her to run for the position.

July 30

A man died July 24 after being shot inside a local strip club. The incident happened at the Lounge Plaza Men's Club in the 12300 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua. Witnesses reported that the victim and the suspect had an altercation earlier in the evening. The suspect later returned with a pistol and shot the victim multiple times in the chest and leg. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital, where he later died.

Aug. 6

A 2-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool Aug. 3 in the 11200 block of Sagehill near Hughes Road. Emergency crews responded to the scene to find someone attempting to perform CPR on the child. Their efforts to revive him were unsuccessful, however, and Mason Craft was pronounced dead at the scene. The incident was accidental, and no charges were filed.

Aug. 13

The City of Houston activated its Public Health Heat Emergency Plan, which calls for providing transportation to several designated cooling centers in the area. The National Weather Service declares a Heat Emergency when the heat index, a computation of the air temperature and humidity, reaches 108 degrees for two or more consecutive days.

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's office were able to prevent a possible suicide attempt Aug. 10 on Beltway 8 at the Hughes/Sabo overpass, where a 22-year-old man

was threatening to jump. After talking to the man for roughly 40 minutes, a county negotiator convinced him to surrender to police. The man was taken into protective custody to undergo a mental evaluation. All but one lane on the beltway was closed for approximately two hours, causing extensive traffic delays.

Aug. 20

The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to call for a \$425 million bond referendum in the Nov. 2015 election. The funds would provide workforce training, make renovations and improve infrastructure. Nine buildings were to be renovated – most of which were more than 30 years old. The measure easily passed, with 68 percent voting in favor of it.

Aug. 27

Enrollment at Dobie High School topped 4,000 students, as Pasadena Independent School District classes resumed from summer break.

Dobie High School's swimming pool, located at the school's former location on Beamer that now houses Beverly Hills Intermediate, was closed by City of Houston officials after the facility failed to pass inspection. Problems included a water pump leak, sand in the pool, a broken chlorine pump and defective electrical plugs. The issues were resolved the following week.

Sept. 3

Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin honored outgoing Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis by presenting him a special proclamation during a public Council session.

A 20-year-old man was hospitalized after he was shot three times at an apartment complex in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Hartsook early Aug. 28. According to police, two men were arguing at the Del Mar apartments a **Continued on Page 3A**



Beamer extension work progresses

Construction crews are making progress on the project to extend Beamer Road roughly one mile from its current dead end at Tall Ships Lane in the Heritage Park subdivision (shown above) to West Bay Area Boulevard. The project also involves constructing a detention pond south of El Dorado and a sound barrier from Tall Ships to El Dorado. The \$10.3 million project is expected to be complete by this summer. Following the project's completion, a second endeavor will replace the aging stretch of Beamer between Dixie Farm Road and Tall Ships, just south of FM 2351.

Photo by James Bolen

In My Opinion

40 Days for Life effort at St. Luke's

Christians throughout Houston and beyond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort February 10th through March 20th, co-sponsored by the Houston Coalition for Life and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 4600 Gulf Freeway for one or more hours on Thursday, February 11th, the day St. Luke's has taken, or sign up for your own weekly hour, and then spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at the abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed and lives are saved.

To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact:

Juan Ortiz at jlosecond@yahoo.com or 713-417-5814.

All are welcome!

Juan Ortiz

Yarzagaray thanks South Belt for help

To our wonderful blessed community:

I am a grandma and I was really in a very bad bind. And I told my grandchildren don't expect gifts this year because grandma could not come to no solutions for this Christmas. Don't cry, don't let it make you all sick that other kids are in a better situation than us. Due to your own mother, I'd rather pay the bills. So Jesus will open the door and help us out if we deserve it. Moore Elementary staff and South Belt Leader owner Mrs. Marie Flickinger, my wonderful boss, Mrs. Mary, Family and the Community of Kirkmont, Sagemeadow, Police, Firemen, Strangers, Jesus Living Waters... Thank you all for your mighty blessing for making it possible to give my grandchildren gifts.

Thank you again, May Our Father in Heaven continue to bless each one of you

and your family for years to come.

Ella Yarzagaray

Construction at Kirkfair at Blackhawk

This has been a nightmare for months. We (my neighbor and I) both contacted the construction crew who has been hired for this project. We were directed to a "handler". He basically did not answer our questions. We both got the same rehearsed story. Word for word. This was in October. At that time they were starting at 6:30 in the morning including Saturday. The noise is so loud it shakes our houses. Our block is a cul-de-sac that has always been quiet and very pleasant. Most of us have been here 25 to 37 years. I have been in my house 37 years. Our neighbors are loyal and very happy here. In fact a few thought about moving but decided they would not find anywhere that could compare to our comradery and safety. Why anyone would put such a loud and invasive construction site in the middle of homes is beyond me. I do know the church across the street who owns the lot is being compensated \$1000.00 a month for usage.

Being startled awake early in the morning is not acceptable. Many on our block retired and not in good health. Being aggravated every day by this is just wrong. I too have watched these giant machinery back up to my fence. They look like they are going to plow through my fence into my garage. Today they started at 7 this morning and the noise has not stopped. They are still going. I no longer can enjoy my patio or atrium.

Another thing we forgot to mention is we have had our AT&T-Uverse interrupted several times and had to have them come out. That means no Internet, wifi, phone or cable. Being somewhat handicapped it can be devastating. Each time it was a problem with the bullet connections near where they are dropping pipe and wet dirt.

I am not sure what you can do but any information would be helpful.

Thank you, **Mary Fernandez**

Pasadena ISD honors alumni

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Sam Houston State University Banking Board. He is also a member of the Lone Star College Chancellors Executive Advisory Council.

Marling has previously served as board chairman for The Center for the Performing Arts at The Woodlands, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas and as an advisory director for the Memorial Hermann Foundation. Marling was the 2003 campaign chair for the Montgomery County United Way and served on the executive committee of the North Channel Area Chamber.

Marling has been named to the 2015 Texas Bankers Hall of Fame and as a 2011 Hometown Hero in The Woodlands. He was honored as the 2006 Entrepreneur of the Year for the Houston and Gulf Coast area, as a 2004 finalist for the award, as a 2003 Montgomery County American Heart Association Gala honoree and as 2003 Businessman of the Year in Montgomery County.

A resident of The Woodlands, Marling holds distinction for both his business and charitable endeavors in Montgomery County.

Dr. Mark Yandell (Class of 1983)



Dr. Mark Yandell is currently a professor of Human Genetics at the University of Utah and a leading researcher into the mysteries of the human genome.

A biology major at the University of Texas, Yandell earned a Ph.D. in molecular, cellular and developmental biology from the University of Colorado-Boulder in 1996. After three years as a fellow at the Genome Sequencing Center at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis, he joined Celera Genomics in Alameda, Calif., where he led the corporation's software research and development team.

Along the way, he became a leading authority in the application of computer technology to the biological sciences – especially to the field of genome research. In 2002, Yandell was named a senior scientist at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Cal-Berkeley. Two years later, he joined the faculty at the Eccles Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Utah's medical school.

His work as principal investigator of the Yandell Lab involves complex analysis of genomes, the genetic material of organisms. Yandell applies informatics – the process of using computers to mine biological information from conventional sources – to his genome sequencing research and uses that research to develop new informatics tools and methods.

In 2012, he was named to a prestigious H.A. and Edna Benning Presidential Endowed chair at the University of Utah.

Yandell is the son of prominent South Belt realtor

Sandra Yandell.

Phil Sandlin (Class of 1987)



There was little doubt that Phil Sandlin had big boots to fill five years ago when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Precinct 8 Constable Bill Bailey, one of Harris County's most popular community leaders. Since then, Sandlin has become his own man, elected in his own right in 2012 and now a prominent public servant and source of community support.

After graduating from Doobie, Sandlin studied criminal justice at San Jacinto College before beginning his career as a peace officer, first with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. In 1992, he signed on with Precinct 8 as a patrol deputy. Promotions to corporal, sergeant and lieutenant followed. He was placed in charge of the Patrol, Toll Road and Warrant Division in 2001. Three years later he made captain, and a year later, chief deputy for the precinct.

When Bailey abruptly announced his retirement in 2011, Harris County commissioners quickly named Sandlin to replace him. He was elected to a full term the following year, carrying 74 percent of the vote.

Precinct 8 takes in Pasadena, Webster, Deer Park, Seabrook, La Porte and other communities in southeast Harris County, as well as portions of Houston, including Clear Lake.

A member of the Future Farmers of America at Doobie, Sandlin contributes to various activities and functions associated with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Sandlin also serves on the board of the Space Center Rotary Club. He is a member of Deer Park Masonic Lodge No. 1362 and the chambers of commerce for Pasadena, Clear Lake, Deer Park and La Porte.

Rev. Sean Horrigan (Class of 1984)



From the press box to the pulpit, Sean Horrigan today counts audiences in terms of congregations, not crowds.

After graduating from Doobie, Horrigan studied journalism at the University of Houston, and wrote for the school paper for four years, covering a variety of areas from sports to politics to the arts. His work appeared in a variety of publications including the Dallas Morning News, Los Angeles Times, and the Associated Press. He spent many nights covering local college and professional sports, and while his love for

writing has never faded, his affection for communication has evolved into something far more spiritual.

A lifelong parishioner at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Sagemont, he chose to study for the priesthood beginning in 1992. After studies and formation at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology and St. Mary's Seminary, he was ordained a Catholic priest in 1998.

In 2004, Father Sean – as his parishioners know him – was appointed pastor of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in a growing area of far northwest Houston and Cypress. He immediately went to work on a master plan that over the past 12 years has led to the transformation of the former rural parish into a massive church community of more than 100 ministries and 6,500 families.

With continued growth in Cypress, Horrigan oversaw the development and construction of a beautiful new 1,600-seat sanctuary for Christ the Redeemer in 2008. A few years later, the parish achieved perhaps its most ambitious goal with the opening of Christ the Redeemer Catholic School in 2014.

As the first new Catholic school in Houston in more than a decade, the school's opening – seen as part of a growth trend of parochial suburban schools – was featured in a front-page story in the Houston Chronicle. With more than 170 students in its first year, and more than 300 in its second year, the school is poised to extend classes through 8th grade with more than 500 students enrolled in the next three years.

Horrigan maintains a prominent role in the local Catholic community, as an advisor to Cardinal Daniel DiNardo on the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and various other committees and boards. He also is a consultant for the Catholic Leadership Institute and travels regularly to advise bishops and priests throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Carole Stockinger (staff)



Rarely did a spring break sneak up on Carole Stockinger. She always had plans.

Springtime meant press time for her pride and joy – the Étalage, the Doobie High literary magazine she launched in 1997.

Her spring breaks were spent at the school with students as the finishing touches were put to a publication that came to be honored statewide – and even nationally – for the quality of the essays, poems, short stories and other literary works contained inside.

Stockinger came to Doobie in 1991 after nine years at Thompson Intermediate. She taught Pre-AP English for sophomores for nearly her entire tenure at Doobie. Six years after her arrival – after attending several seminars on how to start and advise high-school literary magazines – she organized a staff and supervised the production of the first Étalage, taken from a French word meaning "showcase."

The publication attracted hundreds of submissions each year from Doobie students. Stockinger and her student staff worked long hours, especially during the spring but even during winter break – to sort out submissions, edit text and lay out pages.

In 2006, the Étalage earned a bronze medal in nationwide competition sponsored by Columbia University.

Stockinger's devotion to teaching and dedication to students was apparent in all other aspects of her role as an educator. She was particularly adept at taking students with an indifference toward literature and making a connection through the meaning, structure – often humor – to be found in the classics.

Her precision as a writer often surfaced in the writing expertise shown by her students in other classes. Her colleagues remember her for long hours spent poring over research papers and meticulously pointing out ways a paper could be improved.

A graduate of Texas Woman's University, Stockinger began her teaching career in the Pasadena ISD in 1981 at South Houston Intermediate before moving on to Thompson and then Doobie.

Death

Amelia Fuentes



Amelia Rodriguez Fuentes, 75, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, in Houston. She was born on Oct. 14, 1940. She was a long time South Belt resident.

Fuentes is survived by her sister, Natalie Cantu of Woodboro, Texas; brother Reynaldo Rodriguez and family, also of Woodboro; daughters Debbie Fuentes and Diana Elaine Ramirez; sons Richard Fuentes and wife Yolanda, and Mike Fuentes and wife Debbie; granddaughters Claudia Cubos and husband Erik, and Jessica Loya and husband Chris; great-grandchildren

Brittney, Erik Jr. (EJ), and Sunshine Cubos, Keshan, and Timothy, Christian and Jeremiah Loya; and her cats – Melvin, Maverick and Matty – who brought her much joy.

She was a religious woman who always taught those around her that God's way was always so rewarding.

A celebration of life service will be held at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster, Texas, on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Frisky Paws Rescue Charity (www.friskypawsrescue.com).

Opt-in for Pasadena ISD's first SMS text message service

Pasadena Independent School District has announced the launch of a new text messaging service designed to enhance school-to-home communication. On Wednesday, Jan. 27, parents or guardians can authorize the district to send weather alerts, school closings and emergency news, by text message through a new SMS text message system.

By law, the district is required to have permission to send text messages to parents. So the first text message from the school district will ask if the parent/guardian would like to receive text messages from Pasadena ISD. Parents are not signed up for the text messaging service until they authorize it from their cell phone.

On Jan. 27, parents whose cell phone numbers are on file at the campus will receive a text message sent from School Messenger on the District's behalf. The

invitation message will say it is a text message from Pasadena ISD and ask the parents to reply "yes" to 68453 (PISD's short code) to receive additional messages. The invitation message also says "message and data rates may apply." Text messaging fees apply to the owners of the cell phones if they have a plan that charges for text messages.

Parents only receive text messages if they opt in by texting "yes" or scanning the QR code provided.

Parents should follow this procedure to opt-in and allow the district to send SMS text messages:

1) When the parents/guardians receive the invitation text message on Jan. 27 sent from SchoolMessenger for Pasadena ISD, they may respond by texting YES from the device(s) to 68453 to subscribe to the texting service. The phone owner also has the option to scan the QR code

on or after Jan. 27 to opt-in.

2) If the parents/guardians do not receive a text invitation on the launch date, Wednesday, Jan. 27, by 3 p.m., then the parent's/guardian's cell phone number is not on file. Check with the child's campus to ensure the preferred mobile device number is on file.

3) If parents do not want to receive text messages from Pasadena ISD, they may do nothing at all or respond with "Stop" to 68453.

To opt out of all text messages from SchoolMessenger, parents may reply with STOP to 68453 at any time.

Text message and data rates may apply.

Text messaging will not replace other forms of communication already in place for Pasadena ISD, rather it will be added to our avenues of communication.

For additional details, check the Pasadena ISD website and campus websites.

HCAD mailing homestead exemption confirmations

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

Homeowners should have received 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 homestead 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.

Homeowners do not need to do anything if the type of homestead exemption listed at the top of the postcard is correct. HCAD will automatically renew their homestead exemption unless the property owner informs HCAD differently. Exemptions include residence homestead, over-

65, disabled person exemptions and disabled veteran exemptions.

If the card is returned, HCAD will cancel the homestead exemption and send the owner a letter asking them to reapply if they believe they are still entitled to the exemption.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for homeowners to get the exemptions they are entitled to," said Sands Stiefer, chief appraiser. "If all the information on the top of the card is correct, the homeowner does not have to do anything. However, if one of the homeowners has had a 65th birthday or becomes disabled, they may be eligible for additional tax exemptions, and if that's the case, they should contact our office. Similarly, if they have sold the home or established a different primary residence, they need to contact us so we can cancel the exemption."

A change in ownership

also includes the death of an owner or the transfer of ownership through divorce proceedings. If either event has occurred during the year, the survivor or new owner should contact the appraisal district. Not reporting changes could mean substantial tax penalty liabilities later on.

Homeowners who have recently turned 65 or have qualified for disability under Social Security should also contact the appraisal district and apply for the additional exemptions available to over-65 and totally disabled individuals.

For more information on homestead exemptions, over-65 exemptions, disabled person exemptions and disabled veteran exemptions, call the HCAD Information Center at 713-957-7800, or visit the district's website at www.head.org to find exemption information and applications under the Forms tab on the top tool bar.

Dobie High School Fine Arts presents Annie Feb 4-6

Annie, one of the best-loved family musicals of all time, takes center stage in the Doobie High School auditorium Thursday, Feb. 4, through Saturday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m.

Annie will be a chance for all generations to spend time together at the theater. Not only does this time help strengthen the family bond, it helps to nurture a love of live theater in the youngest of audience members. Knowing that these children will grow up to be avid theatergoers assures us that the sun will truly come out tomorrow!

Inspired by the famous comic strip Little Orphan Annie which first ran in the New York News in 1924, Annie made its Broadway debut in April 1977 and played 2,377 performances before

closing in 1983. The show won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book (Thomas Meehan), Best Original Score (music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin), and Best Choreography.

This heart-warming musical is the rags-to-riches story of plucky young Annie's journey from the hard-knock New York orphanage to the luxurious home of billionaire businessman Oliver Warbucks.

Boasting one of Broadway's most memorable scores, including *It's the Hard Knock Life, Easy Street* and the legendary *Tomorrow*, fantastically visual choreography, a side-splittingly funny script and, of course, the adorable dog, Sandy, it really is no surprise that Annie has become

one of the best-loved family musicals of all time.

Annie will be directed and designed by Clinton Hopper and choreographed by Stacey Grayson, and musical direction will be provided by Wendy Sharpless. The team also includes Cheramie Hopper (costume and props coordinator), Sam Flippin (pit director), Tyler Ruberg (rehearsal pianist), Jillian Hughes (audio coordinator), Juliet Weigand (publicity coordinator and sound designer), and Rick Burford (house manager).

Tickets for the Annie are \$10 for all seating, and may be purchased at the door. Performances are Feb. 4-6 at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call 713-740-0370, ext. 04173.

Free legal advice for veterans available

Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic scheduled in Pearland on Saturday, Jan. 23. The clinic will be held at VFW Post 7109, 4202 W. Walnut in Pearland from 9 a.m. until noon.

No appointment is necessary. The clinic is a public service of the Brazoria

County Bar Association and the Houston Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Initiative.

Any veteran, or spouse of a deceased veteran, can receive one-on-one advice and counsel at the clinic from a volunteer attorney in any area of law, including family, wills and probate, consumer, real estate and tax

law, as well as disability and veterans benefits. Veterans who need ongoing legal representation and who qualify for legal aid may be assigned a pro bono attorney through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers to handle their case.

For information, contact the Houston Bar Association at 713-759-1133 or visit www.hba.org.

Thompson Spelling Bee winners



The Thompson Intermediate School 2016 Spelling Bee champion is seventh-grader Drake Escobedo (left) and, the runner-up is eighth-grader Jaylen Gonzalez (right). Pictured with the winners is Thompson Principal Melissa Allen. Photo submitted

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Thursday, Jan. 21, at 4 p.m. – Craft Time. Foam Painting. One part shaving cream, one part glue, add color, and a lot of fun. Join in on coloring some pictures with a little more pop.

Friday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. – Movie Time for Adults. Feature presentation *Singin' in the Rain.*; 5 p.m. – Anime Club. The Anime Club will watch the third and final installment of *Princess Mononoke, Pt. 3/3*. For ages 13 and above.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. – Prepare for the NC-CER Written Test. Carla Thompson, of Turner Industries, will share information on the NCCER certification system for construction careers and how to pass the test.

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

For more information on all programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road.

Tuesdays – Pre-K Storytime from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays – Baby/Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays – Citizenship Class from 4 to 6 p.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 – Not Your Mama's Book Club at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6 – Manga/Anime Club at 2:30 p.m.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - noon to 8 p.m., Friday - 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

Area Republicans take oath



Judge Michael Landrum swears in the 2016 officers for the South Belt Republicans on Jan. 11. The guest speaker was Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman. From left to right are Judge Michael Landrum, Vice President Chris McDonald, President Chuck Maricle, Board Member Angelina Gooden and Board Member Heather Harris. The South Belt Republicans meet the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Fox and Hound restaurant on Fuqua at I-45. Photo submitted

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Leader looks back on local highlights of 2015

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round 4:30 a.m. when one of them pulled out a gun and began shooting. The victim was hit once in the left shoulder, once in the right hip and once in the right leg. He was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in serious but stable condition. No immediate arrests were made.

Sept. 10
Dobie freshman Steven Moreno, 14, died Sept. 4 in an area hospital, just days after suffering from a suspected heat-related illness following running activities at the school.
A man was arrested ear-

ly Sept. 3, after allegedly setting two fires at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. David Williams, 33, initially checked into the hospital for an injury around 1 a.m., but at some point became agitated and left the emergency room and proceeded to the adjacent professional building, which was unoccupied during the early morning hours. Williams then broke into the building and set the two fires, one on the first floor and one on the second floor. Hospital security responded and confronted Williams, who then broke out a bottom-floor window. Williams reportedly

ignored commands to exit the building and proceeded to destroy contents of the building. When Houston police arrived at the scene, Williams exited the building and was detained without incident. The hospital suffered extensive damage caused by fire, smoke, water and vandalism. Fire department officials said the damages exceeded \$1 million.

Sept. 17
The Rev. John Morgan, pastor of Sagemont Church, and renowned local attorney John Eddie Williams were inducted into Pasadena High School's Wall of Honor. Morgan established

what would later become Sagemont Church in 1966. His original congregation consisted of 16 members. He is also well known for his "Financial Freedom" seminars, as well as seminar recordings and his book under the same title, all of which have reached more than a million people. Morgan has served on numerous boards ranging from the chairman of trustees at Houston Baptist University to president of the Texas Baptist Pastor's Conference. In 2005, he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Morgan attended Kruse Elementary and Jackson Intermediate before enrolling at Pasadena High. He continued his education at Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned his doctorate from Southwest Baptist University.

The founding partner of the Williams Kherker law firm, Williams gained national stature as the lead counsel for the state of Texas in a landmark case against tobacco companies in 1995. The case eventually resulted in a \$17.3 billion settlement - at that point the largest legal settlement in American history. Williams' firm specializes in mass torts and pharmaceutical litigation. Williams played football at Baylor and graduated with a business degree. Passing up the chance for a corporate career, he decided to study law. He graduated first in his class at the Baylor School of Law and served as editor-in-chief of the Baylor Law Review. In

2002, he was honored by his alma mater as Baylor Lawyer of the Year. Ten years later, Williams was named Baylor's Alumnus of the Year for 2012-13.

Sept. 24
After years of delays, the newly reconstructed South Shaver Street was unveiled to the public at a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin on Sept. 22. The endeavor essentially reconstructed the aged street from the Gulf Freeway to State Highway 3/Old Galveston Road. The project, a joint venture between the Texas Department of Transportation, the City of Houston and the Harris County Flood Control District, included widening the area thoroughfare from a four-lane undivided roadway with open ditches to a six-lane divided roadway with raised median, curb and gutter drainage, sidewalks, street lighting and improved underground utilities. The estimated cost of construction was \$13.5 million - 80 percent of which will be funded by the Federal Highway Administration and 20 percent of which will be funded by the City of Houston. Construction also involved extensive flood mitigation work, including the widening of Berry Bayou and the building of a 13-acre detention basin north of South Shaver Street. While the project had been in the works for roughly four decades, construction officially began in June 2014.

A pair of individuals with ties to St. Luke's the Evangelist church were among the select few chosen to

greet Pope Francis on his first trip to the United States. Jennifer Naaden, who served as director of young adult and junior high youth ministries at St. Luke's, and the Rev. Alvaro J. Interiano, parochial vicar at St. Luke's, were selected to join President Barack Obama and the first lady Michelle Obama on the tarmac of Joint Base Andrews near Washington on Sept. 23.

Oct. 1
Multiple clashes between Dobie High School students took place off campus. The fights, reportedly between black students and Hispanic students, occurred after school at least twice at a park near the bus stop at Kirkville and Grandbrook in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. The fights

may have involved as many as 50 students by some estimates. Other witnesses put the number at closer to 20 students. At least one of the brawls was reported to YouTube. The fights subsided following regular patrols by the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department.

Oct. 8
South Houston High School unveiled its Hall of History. Spearheaded by Pasadena Independent School District alumni coordinator and 1970 South Houston graduate Al Carter, the Hall of History is an 800 square-foot museum located on campus that preserves the school's past, from its opening in 1957

through 2010. The hall is designed in a timeline format that allows visitors to view it in chronological order. A banner across the top of the museum shows historical and cultural milestones, as they correspond with local events and school activities depicted below. More than 500 items are on display, most of which were donated by alumni. Display items include class rings, sports memorabilia, letter jackets, cheer outfits and an assortment of classic eight-track tapes, 45-RPM records and concert tickets. The museum also features three computer research stations, where visitors can further research the school's history in a digital format. A complete set of Palladium

yearbooks and hundreds of student newspapers are also available to view and scan. It cost roughly \$35,000 to transform a former work room into the new facility. More than 240 former students donated to the cause, with 1965 graduate Bob Allen being the primary donor. A star athlete, Allen was the first All-State football player from the area school. Following graduation, Allen was offered 16 scholarships, ultimately choosing to play at Texas Tech University, where he would make All-American. Allen went on to play professionally for the Philadelphia Eagles before opening several successful businesses, primarily in the concrete industry.

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Spelling winners at Stuchbery



Stuchbery Elementary held its annual spelling bee on Monday, Jan. 12. This year's winner was Madelyn Sepulveda. Bianca Amaya was the runner-up. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Amaya, Sepulveda, (back row) Assistant Principal Kristin Wallis, Principal Carolyn Waller and librarian Lauren Nalepa. Photo submitted

South Belt Elementary names spelling bee champions



Winners of the 2016 South Belt Elementary Spelling Bee are Champion Elijah Perez and Runner-Up Sebastian Sanders. Both are in the third grade. Pictured are, left to right, Perez, Sanders, (back row) Literacy Peer Facilitator/Bee Coordinator Sarah Smith and Principal Candy Howard. Photos submitted

Meador releases 2nd 9-weeks rolls, awards

Meador Elementary recently announced its rolls and awards for the second nine-weeks grading period of the 2015-2016 school year.

Students earning status are:

First grade Recognized roll
Janisleidis Aguila, Emily Alejandro, Mayte Almanza, Nathalie Almanza, Aracely Alvarado, Katherine Alvarez, Brooke Anderson, Rosaly Arellano-Gates, Yisabelle Berroa, Sophia Breigheth and Sapphira Bright.
Aaliyah Brown, Charles Bruno, Gavin Burchfield, Hermallyon Campos, Diana Campuzano, Jannie Cardenas, Jessica Cardenas, Joseph Castillo, Mariah Champs, Estrella Cortes, Lexie Cowan and Samantha Cristancho.
Lenneth Cruz, Johathan Diaz, Matthew Dunn, Ailey Espinoza, Matthew Espinoza, Juan Flores, Andres Garcia, Kaelynn Garcia, Gerardo Garza, Kaylah Gibson, Gabrielle Gonzalez, Isaac Gonzalez and Abraham Guillen.
Elijah Hart, Gabriella Hernandez, Kingston Hernandez,

Maliah Jackson, Prince Jennings, Yasmine Joseph, Alison Lopez, Angel Lopez, Ethen Maldonado, Isreal Martinez, Amy McCoy Lilianna Mercado, Jillian Mikulski and Ashley Moreno.
Devin Moreno, Tristan Murua, Cheryl Ngechu, Hieu Nguyen, Alyssa Ramos, Tasneem Rasheed, Ximena Rea, Ja'Cari Rice, Emma Rocha, Bayron Rodriguez, Fidencio Rodriguez, Jadrian Rubalcana, Daniel Salamanca and Nolan Seymore.
Krystal Silva, Brianna Thompson, Daniella Thompson, Miriam Torres, Jennifer Tran, Payton Turner, Cynthia Vagliente, Ella Valois, Xavier Vargas, Julian Villaseor, Grace Vincent, Caleb Warren, Ashton Willis and Auri Young.

Second grade Recognized roll
Leonela Aguila, Hussai Arias, London Bates, Arihanna Berrones, Natalia Betancourt, Ethan Blandon, Alecia Cardenas, Joseph Chacon, Fernanda Coello, Damarion Copeland, Keana Davis and Josselyn Delgado.
Jossiah Depaul, Leah Er-

ickson, Geovany Fuentes, Yazmyne Gaines, Madison Garcia, Efrén Garza, Timothy Guerra, Olivia Hernandez, Kiera Inlouis, Rhianna Lane, Richard Le, Josue Luna and Alejandro Martinez.
Evelyn Martinez, Xavier Martinez, Josiah McCoy, Nelson Mendez, Aliana Moreno, Jacoby Muniz, Blaze Murua, Mary Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Cody Patterson, Joaquin Ramirez, Saleh Rasheed, Rachel Rivera, Jaylen Robinson and Dario Rodriguez.
Kimberly Rodriguez, Sebastian Rodriguez, Oliver Saavedra, Nevayah Sanchez,

Third grade Honor roll
Bryann Anderson, Mia Campos, Angelica Castillo, Tatyonna Chappell, Yaeishya Cuidad, Bethany Espinoza, Brenden Fox, Kristi Nguyen, Lex Palm, Ileen Preza, Aleks Saldana, Cindy Su and Michelle Zarate.
Merit roll
Dominic Alejandro, Byanka Ayala, Neveah Ben-

Brianna Schulgen, Allon Seymore, Jordyn Smith, Itzel Sosa, Zachary Staten, Eliud Urbina, Aidsa Vazquez, Janyvia Williams and Keyla Zeledon.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Ethan Hernandez, Natali Iglesias, Arick Lastik, Yulissa Oliva, Arianna Ramos and McKenzie White.
Merit roll
Francisco Dunn, Alex Escobar, Scott Kay and Jordan Ross.

Smith, Abril Carmona, Joshua Cavazos, Emir Espinoza, Valerie Gonzales, Anyscia Hagler, Samuel Martinez, Matteo Mercado, Tre Ramirez, Yainely Robles, Ruquayya Saudine, Lena Swick, Casandra Vagliente, Yara Valois and Anthony Zeledon.

Memorial Hermann one of Nation's Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals

Four Memorial Hermann hospitals have been collectively named among the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals in an annual national study conducted by Truven Health Analytics.

Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital and Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital, have been named among the Truven Health 100 Top Hospitals five times and the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals seven times.

The Truven study, now in its 17th year, singled out 50 hospitals that achieved superior clinical outcomes in this critical area of hospital care. Like the Truven Health 100 Top Hospitals study, the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals survey uses rigorous processes to calculate and measure hospital service lines leverage industry-leading, risk-adjusted methodologies developed and maintained by Truven Health scientists over many years. The 100 Top Hospitals study is widely regarded as the leading program for evaluating leadership impact in a hospital, as well as for evaluating quality indicators and efficiencies.

The Truven Health 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study measures eight key performance areas: risk-adjusted mortality, risk-adjusted complications, core measures (a group of measures that assess process of care), percentage of coronary bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, 30-day mortality rates, 30-day readmission rates, severity-adjusted average length of stay, and wage- and severity-adjusted average cost. The study has been conducted annually since 1999.

"The outstanding dedication these four hospitals have shown to patient safety, patient-centered quality care and positive outcomes has become part of the Memorial Hermann Health System culture," said M. Michael Shabot, M.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Memorial Hermann Health System. "Truven is known for establishing the highest benchmarks attainable and recognizing only those who can meet extremely high standards. We are extremely proud

of these hospitals in doing so." For the 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals study, Truven Health researchers analyzed 2013 and 2014 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MEDPAR) data, 2014 Medicare cost reports, and 2015 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare data.

Truven estimates that if all cardiovascular providers in the United States performed at the level of this year's winners, nearly 8,000 additional lives could be saved, nearly 3,500 more heart patients could be complication-free and more than \$1.3 billion could be saved in medical costs.

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research is available at 100tophospitals.com.



Participants in the South Belt Elementary 2016 Spelling Bee 2016 were, left to right, (front row) Olivia Tamez, Elijah Perez, Rocky Castillo, Sebastian Sanders, (second row) Thalia Tabarez, Victoria Ortiz-Ramirez, Taylor Nguyen, (third row) Diego Gonzalez, Malcolm Sherwood, Michael Collins, (back row) River Carroll and Briana Ruiz.

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Love for Life Banquet set for February 26

Christian comedian Michael Jr. will take center stage at the Love for Life Banquet on Friday, Feb. 26, at Grace Community Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway in Houston.

Michael's entry into comedy was almost preordained. Years ago in a crowded movie theater, the projector malfunctioned. The film snapped, the house lights came on, and acting on a dare, young Michael took center stage ... and Michael Jr. discovered his gift.

He tours the country performing comedy, can be seen on TV regularly, and recently appeared in the feature film *War Room*.

As Michael found his potential, every day clients at Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center are encouraged to see their current crisis as an opportunity to discover hope for their future.

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UHCL launches 2016 Physics Lecture Series

Get the inside scoop on gravity waves and vibrations in the first installment of the 2016 Physics Lecture Series at the University of Houston-Clear Lake on Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, room 1100, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

earth's ambient vibrations to map earthquake hazards and study gravity waves. Bowden's work has taken his data from outer space to miles beneath the earth's surface.

Daniel Bowden, a graduate student in geophysics at Caltech Seismology Laboratory, will discuss his academic career and work in the talk *From Physics Undergrad to Seismolab: Exploiting*

Admission is free and open to all. However, students can also earn university credit through course registration, or community members can earn continuing education credit for a fee.

For more information on registration, call the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530.

School principals invited to management course

Learn to apply management techniques in the school building with the two-session workshop *Personnel Management for Principals* on Saturday, Jan. 30, in the University of Houston-Clear Lake Bayou Building, Garden Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

The second session will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and will focus on communicating with team members and addressing difficult conversations.

Each part costs \$70, or \$15 for students, and the parts can be taken together or separately.

Session one runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and focuses on techniques for effective interviews, including writing questions and using rubrics.

For more information or to register, contact the university's Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530 or visit <http://soe.uhcl.edu/CENTERS/CEP>.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESTON!
Congratulations to **Preston Kelley** who was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Deer Park High School where he is a junior. Preston and his parents, **Darla** and **Mike Kelley** live in the South Belt area. His grandmothers **Lanelle Deem** and **Jenny Kelley** are very proud of him as well as his parents, other relatives and friends. Preston is also on the school bowling team.

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO CLAUDIA
Claudia Cubos celebrates a birthday Jan. 23. Warm birthday wishes are sent to Claudia from her family, friends and former co-workers at the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

ALFREDO CELEBRATES 16TH
Best wishes are sent for a happy 16th birthday to **Alfredo Estrada III** who celebrates his birthday Jan. 24 from mom **Mercedes Velazquez** and stepdad **Ray Velazquez** and siblings **Josh**, **Jackie**, and **Jacob Estrada**. Alfredo is a sophomore at Dobie High School.

LAILA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Dr. Laila Hassan celebrates a birthday Tuesday, Jan. 27. Best wishes are sent for a wonderful day from her family, friends, office staff, and the *Leader* staff.

GRIFFINS MARK ANNIVERSARY
Bobby and **Kenneth Griffin** celebrate 54 years of marriage Jan. 27. Their daughter **Tracy Giles** and husband **Jim** and grandchildren **Aaron**, **Kristen**, and **Cody**; son **David** and wife **Angela**, and grandchildren **Robert** and **Kenneth**; and friends and the *Leader* staff wish them a wonderful anniversary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVID!
Birthday greetings are sent to **David Flickinger**, *South Belt-Ellington Leader*

president, on Tuesday, Jan. 27. David is wished a great day by wife **Ellie**; daughter **Natalie** and husband **Jose Abarca**; grandchildren **Kelvin Lopez** and **Isabella Abarca**; parents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**; brother **Fred** and wife **Leslie Flickinger**; niece **Kimberly Flickinger**; niece **Courtney** and husband **Chris Durham** and daughter **Abigail**; and the staff at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of Pasadena Independent School District enjoy birthdays Jan. 21 through Jan. 27.

Atkinson Elementary
Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake Jan. 26 for **Nan Presley** and **Samantha Rhodes**.

Burnett Elementary
On Jan. 23, **Janice Merritt** celebrates a birthday.

Bush Elementary
Jan. 23 is the day for a birthday party for **María Garza**. Sing a happy birthday song Jan. 25 for **Erin Loosemore**. Light the candles on a double-layer cake Jan. 27 for **Madelyn Pleister**.

Frazier Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for **Ashley Jones** and **Janielle Wiley** on Jan. 26.

Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for **María Hernandez** is Jan. 21. **Connie Birmingham** also celebrates a birthday Jan. 21. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Jocelyn Woodard** Jan. 22.

Moore Elementary
Connie Birmingham celebrates a birthday Jan. 21.

South Belt Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Jan. 21 to **Deborah Edwin**. Jan. 22 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Rosa Ayala**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Juana Valdez enjoys a birthday Jan. 21.

Jan. 26 is the day for a party for **María Rodriguez**.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song Jan. 22 to **Julie Lanham**. Celebrating a birthday Jan. 27 is **Marie Juarez**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send a happy birthday card Jan. 22 to **Amber Estrada**. Jan. 26 is the day for a celebration for **Jacqueline Resendez**.

Thompson Intermediate
Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song Jan. 23 for **Sharon Curry**.

Dobie High
María Puckett enjoys a birthday Jan. 22. Marking a birthday Jan. 26 is **Mysha Corb**. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Todd Geris** Jan. 27.

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

Thursday, Jan. 21: **Traci Fort**, **Rudy Trevino**, **Susan Bernabe**, **Kim Saucedo**, **Karen Harlan**, **Connie Birmingham** and **Lisa Allen-Bragg**; Friday, Jan. 22: **Amber Estrada**, **Rhonda Meredith**, **Karen Hatten**, **Shad Taylor** and **Mitchal Nordstrom**; Saturday, Jan. 23: **Becky Forsyth**, **Audi Resendez**, **Rodney Thiel**, **Wendy Gray** and **Bill A. Stevens**; Sunday, Jan. 24: **Renee Lister** and **Lee Balinas**; Monday, Jan. 25: **Berri Walker**, **Kristy Guzman** and **Xuan Loan**; Tuesday, Jan. 26: **Kelly Pillow**, **Monica Jimenez**, **Gene Webster** and **Craig Green**; and Wednesday, Jan. 27: **Cheryl Arnesen**, **Nicole Crader**, **Raquel Jones**, **Derek Cooley**, **Donald Gillock Sr.** and **Solomon Ard**.

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PISD schools raise money for Komen Foundation

The Pasadena Independent School District Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure team had another banner year thanks to the efforts of several district schools.

Team captains **Dr. Karen Holt**, **Marsha Jones** and **Diane Wheeler** reported that Pasadena ISD ranked first among all the teams in the greater Houston area raising \$83,329 and still remains the only school district to participate.

Over the past 11 years, the district has donated \$711,916 by selling breast cancer awareness shirts.

Holt shared a special message for all of the participating schools and departments.

"A special thank you

to each of you for your time, energy, and effort in serving as positive role models for our students by encouraging them to make a difference in the world, regardless of the cause," Holt said. "As a team, you are the heart and soul of this race. Thank you for fighting for a cure to eradicate breast cancer forever."

The T-shirts, sold in the month of October, read "I will fight the good Fight, I will finish the Race, I will be a Survivor" and contained the names of 164 employees in the district who were personally affected by breast cancer. Of those names, 132 are survivors and 32 are women who unfortunately succumbed to the disease.

The top three finishers are **Melillo Middle** raising \$16,500, **Gardens El-**

ementary raising \$3,989, and **Fisher Elementary** raising \$3,872.



Acting Superintendent DeeAnn Powell (left) presents trophies to the top fundraisers, left to right, Diane Wheeler, Melillo Middle School principal; Lindsey Lesniewski, Gardens Elementary principal; and Norma Gomez-Valenzuela, Fisher Elementary principal.
Photo submitted

Remember When

35 years ago (1981)
Approximately 40 residents attended the first open meeting of the South Belt Crime Watch Association.

South Belt area residents elected to the Pasadena Independent School District were **Harvey Turner**, board president; **Sam Hawkins**, vice-president; and **Rudy Schubert**, assistant secretary.

30 years ago (1986)
Dale Atkinson, personnel services consultant for the Texas Association of School Boards, told the Pasadena board of trustees that

the district was paying "flatly above average" and that teacher salaries were among the highest in the state.

The South Belt Coalition elected its steering committee which established its list of goals for 1986, including the expediting of cleanup of the Brio Refinery site off Dixie Farm Road.

25 years ago (1991)
Dobie High School juniors taking the exit Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests (TAAS) surpassed the state average on all three portions and had 79 percent of students pass all the tests. The TAAS replaced the Texas Education Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS). The TAAS had more emphasis on comprehension and reasoning, divided into three sections: writing, reading and math.

Federal Judge **David Hittner** refused to sign the Brio Consent Decree or make a decision on a court master or legal motions until he received more information and legal clarification. The judge's action only postponed the question over whether or not an incinerator would be built at the Brio Superfund site.

Three Motorola walkie-talkie radios disappeared in front of the Hughes Road fire station. The radios were left at the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station by a delivery service. All the crew members were out on a run, so nobody signed for the radios, which were estimated at approximately \$1,500 each.

20 years ago (1996)
Dwayne Myles, a Beverly Hills eighth-grader, was playing around at the beginning of a second period P.E. class and ran and jumped up to touch the rim of a basketball goal. He was laughing

about touching the rim, and then collapsed.

Pearland residents living near Yost Road presented City Council with a petition signed by 400 persons who opposed connecting Yost with Scarsdale.

15 years ago (2001)
At one of the more festive banquets the chamber had sponsored, **Terry Felton**, manager of **Alameda Mall**, turned the president's gavel over to **Johnny Carmona** of **Sam's Club**.

Judy Harrison was honored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year.

10 years ago (2006)
CCISD trustees were studying growth in the area to prepare for additional school facilities. The district had experienced its enrollment increasing by about 1,000 students per year, but a study by **MetroStudy** suggested the area would serve 52,000 students by the year 2020.

Moore Elementary Principal **Pat Granger** was named the PISD Region IV Elementary Principal of the Year.

Sageglen resident **Brandon Guillory**, 22, was killed in a one-vehicle accident on **Beltway 8** near the **Genoa Red Bluff** toll plaza. **Guillory** lost control of his truck and struck a wooden light pole.

Seven former South Belt residents ran the 2006 **Ar-amco Houston Half Marathon** in honor of the **Todd Krampitz** Foundation. One of the runners in the event, which focuses on increasing the awareness of the importance of blood, marrow, tissue and organ donations, was **Krampitz's** widow, **Julie Pistone Krampitz**.

5 years ago (2011)
Action Ministries celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Family fun 5K walk/run Jan. 24

Get walking shoes on and join Merton, the Sulcata Tortoise, for the seventh annual Walk on the Wild Side. The 5K walk benefits the Living Materials Center (LMC) which houses 60 different species of animals at Seabrook Intermediate School.

Teachers from across the Clear Creek Independent School District can check out the animals and use them to enhance their curriculum and enrich the classroom.

The annual event is the brainstrom of two former Seabrook Intermediate stu-

dents. **Connor Turley** and **Mitch Gaines** began the fundraiser as a community service project in sixth grade. They are now seniors at Clear Falls High School and still help organize the Walk on the Wild Side.

The event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24, at Taylor Lake Village Park, 500 Kirby Drive near Seabrook, Texas. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the cost is \$15 per person.

The walk/run starts at 9 a.m., rain or shine. All proceeds go to the Living Materials Center.

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San Jac Certified: Nursing alumna teaches future nurses

As a pediatric nurse, Laura Soto has always found herself in a teaching role. Whether it was teaching new parents how to care for their newborns or showing older children and their parents how to take care of certain health issues or injuries, Soto naturally fit into the teaching role. Now she will be combining the best of both worlds and will embark on a nursing teaching career after finishing her Master's of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington this month.

An alumna of San Jacinto College's certified nursing assistant (CNA) program, licensed vocational nursing (LVN), and LVN/Paramedic transition to associate degree nursing (ADN) program, Soto knew that she wanted to student-teach in the College's ADN program as part of her last practicum course for her master's degree.

"I've been a nurse for eight years, and I've always liked to teach," said the 28-year-old. "I've loved working at a large teaching hospital with the nursing

students, so I knew becoming a teacher within a nursing program was the path I wanted to take to further my education."

For Soto, the biggest benefit to her student-teaching experience was being able to relate to the ADN nursing students. "I tell my students to take advantage of this opportunity because this is the last time you'll ever get any basic bedside care, anatomy, and other core nursing concepts and technique training. The rest of your educational path is basically you teaching yourself once you get into your BSN and

MSN programs. Now is the time to ask all the questions you want when you're right in front of someone who can help you right then and there."

Soto also believes it's important to emphasize the importance of communication and diversity appreciation with today's nursing students. "There's so much that nurses do that's not in the textbook. You're responsible for other lives, so you need to know what's going on in every health aspect of your patient's care. Sometimes medical professionals don't communicate with

each other so you may have to be the one to facilitate that communication for the safety of your patient. Nursing is not just about giving patients their medicine and making sure your assessments are done. There are also a lot of psychosocial and emotional components involved that you have to incorporate in order to care for your patient to the best of your ability. Houston is also one of the most diverse cities in the country, so your patients will come from a lot of different cultures, and you have to be willing to respect and adapt to that."

As she prepares to graduate, Soto looks forward to starting her teaching career. "I want to get my feet wet first and start teaching some basic nursing courses, then possibly a pediatric course in a nursing program, then some geriatric courses. I may go back and get my doctorate, but I want to start teaching first. Nursing is one of the most rewarding careers you can have, and ultimately, I want my students to learn to be adaptable in any situation, because in nursing, you will never have the same day as the one before."



Laura Soto, San Jacinto College nursing alumna, finished her last student-teaching course in the LVN/Paramedic transition to associate degree nursing (ADN) program at the South campus after she graduated with her master's from the University of Texas at Arlington in December. Soto looks forward to a career as a nursing teacher. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Parker Williams Branch Library receives grant for construction industry trainee guides

The Texas State Library & Archives Commission recently awarded a grant to Parker Williams Branch Library to purchase trainee guides for area employees seeking certification to demonstrate their experience and knowledge in a variety of construction careers.

The certification, developed by the National Center for Construction and Education Research, is widely recognized in construction industries and indicates that workers have achieved journey-level status in their field. Once employees pass a written assessment and a performance evaluation, they are considered Certified Plus in the NCCER system and can command higher pay or be eligible for additional employment opportunities.

The NCCER written assessment based on the experience and knowledge they have gained in their career, but need access to the trainee guides to review terminology and concepts as they might appear on the test.

The Parker Williams Branch Library, part of the Harris County Public Library system, will also host orientations in the use of the guides as well as presentations on opportunities and career advancement in construction industries.

Carla Thompson, workforce development coordinator for Turner Industries, will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 27 on the topic of "How to prepare for NCCER tests."

"These study guides are necessary reading for journeyman before taking NCCER written assessments," Thompson says. "The hours

the library is open will be a great benefit to many industry professionals. Having a place after work hours to study is a win for the construction industry."

On Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m., Dr. J.D. Taliaferro, director of Applied Technologies & Trades at San Jacinto College, will talk about classes available for career advancement in construction fields, scholarships and job placement and how NCCER training can fit into a path to an associates or other degree if desired.

This project is one of 71 made possible this year by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The commission awarded \$10,000 to the Parker Williams Branch Library.

The demand for construction jobs remains

strong in Houston despite possible job losses in some other areas of the local economy, according to the 2016 Employment Forecast by the Greater Houston Partnership. According to the forecast, "Only a fraction of the \$63 billion in chemical plant construction announced since 2012 has been completed. That boom won't peak until late 2016 or early 2017. A survey of local construction and engineering firms suggests the industry may need an additional 8,000 to 10,000 workers on site next year."

Parker Williams Branch Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. at the intersection with Beamer Road. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for more information on the NCCER trainee guides and orientations or on upcoming construction careers presentations.

Chase awards \$70,000 for recruitment in high demand job training

San Jacinto College and Chase are entering the third year of the Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future grant program, having already served 187 students and 28 graduates in the training programs

of welding, process technology, health sciences, engineering, and business. This year, Chase has awarded the college \$70,000 to allow recruitment of high school stu-

dents into college training programs for high wage/high demand jobs. This brings the total amount of Chase funds over the course of three years to \$245,000 for the Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your

Future program. The grant funds industry consultants; family and student workshops; stipends for students in capstone courses and internships; and scholarships for students in the program to help cover tuition, fees and books.

Participating high schools for this year include C.E. King, Galena Park, Pasadena and Sam Rayburn.

"Our strategies are to build a demand-driven system, one where employers are routinely communicating their needs to education and training providers, and invest in the best training," said Carolyn Watson,

vice president of corporate responsibility with Chase. "This requires partnerships between groups that have often been working in silos. It also requires a high-touch approach in order for students to persist to completion. That's where the Great Jobs program comes in."

The Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future program also provides videos that feature young professionals in their careers and presentations delivered by Chase volunteers who provide financial education for college planning and information about how to

manage finances once employed.

"We are grateful for the financial and organizational resources that Chase has invested in assisting us to ensure the program includes a high-touch support system," said Ludith Gonzalez, San Jacinto College grant project coordinator and counselor.

With promotion of high-wage/high demand jobs at the core of the Great Jobs=Great Careers=Your Future mission, Chase has already featured this message on 400 of its ATM locations across the Houston region.

Memorial Hermann partners for new women's imaging center

Memorial Hermann and Victory Breast Diagnostics and Women's Imaging are joining forces to become the Memorial Hermann Victory Women's Imaging Center – a move that ensures patients in the Bay Area access to top quality health care for years to come.

Hermann is exactly what we need to continue to improve our ability to offer the highest quality care using the latest technology."

To ensure a seamless transition for all patients, Memorial Hermann Victory Women's Imaging will operate under a business-as-usual status with full integration of Victory employees. Nothing will change for patients, who will continue to have full access to their regular physician.

"We are happy to welcome Victory into the Memorial Hermann family," said Jim Brown, Sr. Vice President and CEO, Ambulatory Services at Memorial Hermann. "Memorial Hermann has been serving the Houston area for more than 100 years. Victory has a strong relation-

ship with its patients and is a respected practice that has been providing high-quality imaging services in the Bay Area for years. So, this partnership is a win-win for patients and health care in the area."

Known for a personal, positive and compassionate approach to helping patients detect and fight breast cancer, Victory offers an array of services such as mammography, ultrasound, aspiration/biopsies, breast MRI, bone density and high risk assessment.

"We look forward to strengthening Victory's relationship with its patients," Brown said. "I want to assure Victory's patients and the Bay Area community that they will continue to receive the same quality of care from their trusted doctors and clinical staff."

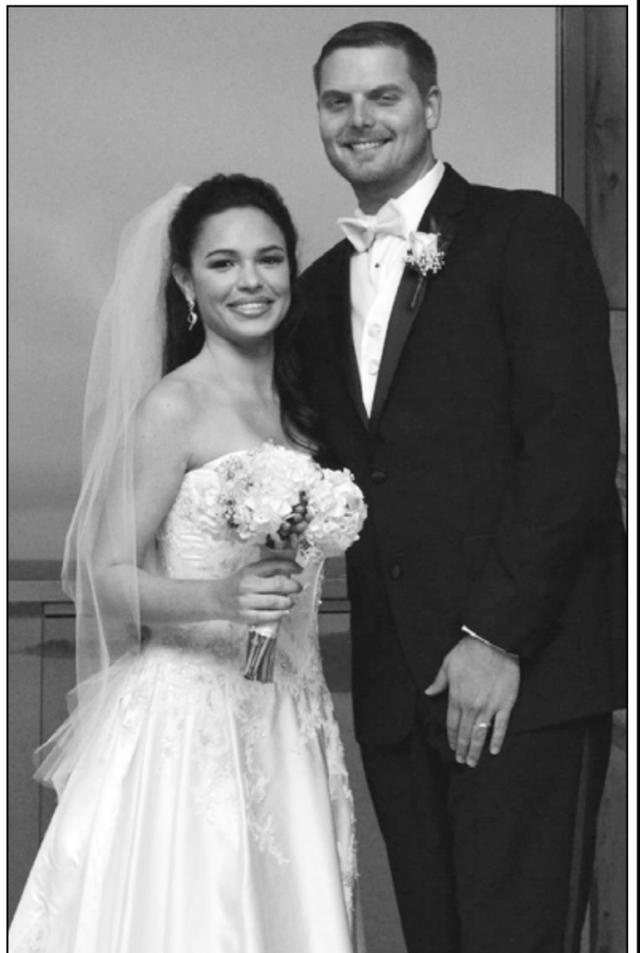
Gaskill echoed Brown's sentiment.

"We have synergy and share the same standard of excellence," said Gaskill. "Health care is challenging and the future is filled with unknowns, but I know one thing for certain – when it comes to my staff, Memorial Hermann and my patients, Victory will be ours."



From left are Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor; Dr. Allatia Harris, Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives – Workforce Development, Community Relations and Diversity; Carolyn Watson, vice president of corporate responsibility with Chase; and Ludith González, San Jacinto College grant project coordinator and counselor. Photo by Amanda Fenwick

Sousa, Dittrich marry



Steven Ryan Dittrich and Ashley Jessica de Medeiros Sousa were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on Nov. 29, 2015, at the Oasis at Lake Travis in Austin. The bride is the daughter of Francisco Washington de Medeiros Sousa and Anelisa Lacerda de Medeiros of Brasilia, Brazil. She was given in marriage by her father. She wore a beaded A-line strapless sweetheart satin gown with a chapel-length train and a fingertip veil. Bridesmaids were Ellen Dittrich, Alicia Dittrich and Zala Vegnuti. The groom is the son of Fayellen and Tony Russell of Sageglen and Ken and Maggie Dittrich of Friendswood. Best man was Lance Trevino and groomsmen were Charles Carpenter and Deniele Artico. Usher and ring bearer was Jonathan Joshua de Medeiros Sousa. The bride is a recent graduate of the University of Brasilia with a Bachelor in Museology. She recently had a paper presented at the Second Brazilian Seminar of Museology that will be published in the magazine associated with the event. The groom grew up in Sageglen and attended both Clear Brook and Clear Creek High Schools. He holds a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration and a Masters in Secondary Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. He is currently employed as a business teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School in Baytown. The couple plans to reside in Baytown.

Gulf Coast community colleges host conference for women in petrochemical

Women account for 19 percent of the total employment in the combined oil and gas, and petrochemical industries, according to a report from the American Petroleum Institute. Meanwhile, it's projected that petrochemical refineries will need to replace up to 40 percent of their current employees over the course of the next decade due to plant expansions and an aging workforce.

Nine Texas Gulf Coast community colleges, working as the Community College Petrochemical Initiative (CCPI), will address these issues and more during the Women in Industry: Petrochem Conference on Friday, Feb. 19.

The CCPI, which includes San Jacinto College, will host the daylong Women in Industry: Petrochem Conference at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston. This event is funded by a grant from ExxonMobil.

Attendees will hear from women who are working in the industry, their job experiences, advice on preparing for careers in petrochemical, the training that is required, and how to network with other women within the industry.

They will also be given time to ask questions, network with women and industry representatives, and connect with educators for information and opportunities to enroll in upcoming classes.

The morning track will provide information about petrochemical and industrial trades career fields and how women are finding success in a once male-dominated profession. The afternoon track will show women, who are already employed in the industry, how to "take the next step" in their career, and how to make networking a valuable ally.

Scheduled breaks during

the day will allow participants time to meet industry representatives from companies like ExxonMobil, Chevron Phillips, Covestro, Noltex, Jacobs and others.

The day will end with "how to make it happen" sessions where women can learn about financial aid, child care, fast track courses, and certificate and associate degree programs at the area's nine community colleges.

Cost for the daylong event is \$20 for students and \$40 for professionals. Some scholarships are available. Learn more about Women in Industry at womeninpetrochemconference.eventbrite.com.

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Ebbinghaus graduates



Aaron Scott Ebbinghaus of Clear Brook Meadows, a 2011 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, graduated from the Ohio State University College of Engineering on Dec. 20, 2015, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering. He is the son of Robert and Cris Ebbinghaus, longtime South Belt residents.

Melillo MS releases 2nd 9-weeks rolls

Melillo Middle School recently announced its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period of the 2015-2016 school year.

Fifth grade Honor roll
Valerie Akinloye, Alize Alvarez, Michael Alvarez, Jesus Avitia, Janelle Barreiro, Jade Cabrera, Jason Coats, Victoria Couchman, Sarah Cruz, Colin Dang, Raul Diaz, Jenny Do, Robert Durham, Evan Fraustro and Noah Garcia.
Marcus Gomez, David Gonzalez, Emma Gonzalez, Jasmine Gutierrez, Fernando Hernandez, Justice Johnson, William Junkin, Marcus Kemp, Bianca Kinder, Connor King, Jonathan Krenek and Mauricio Leal.

Ivan Mariscal, Sophia Martinez, Felipe Miranda, Connor Mohwinkel, Ann Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Landon Nguyen, Vivian Nguyen, Nicole Olazaba, Dominic Ortiz, Nataly Pena and Bella Perez.
Raul Perez-Rodriguez, Thu Pham, Jacob Reyna, Ezequiel Rivera, Leyla Salazar, Christian Schmidt, Jakob Serna, Darrel Sneed, Jasmine Tran, Phu Vu, Kaitlyn Webb, Travis Webb, Jacob White and Aubrey Zambrano.

Sixth grade Honor roll
Nadine Ahmed, Dominic Alanis, Montserrat Alba, Dayyani Arboleda, Jasmine Arredondo, Ublester Arroyo-Espinoza, Keegan Ashworth, Gabriela Barbosa, Andrea Barrientos, Catherine Berkstresser and Kendall Brown.
Kaitlynn Cantu, Amy Cao, Ricky Cao, Joshua Carter, Ashley Castellanos, Anthony Castro, Colton Chahayed, Alani Chapa, Lydia Chicas, Matthew Collins, Isaac Corte, Diego Cortez, Sebastian Cruz, Di Dao and Fernanda Davila.
Lucinda Davis, Karina Del Villar, Melena Dongsi, Kaden Fernandez, Sierra Frost, Melanie Galvan, Alexis Garcia, Timothy Giang, Mario Gonzalez, Shawn Green, Hailey Henderson, Alexis Henriquez and Andrea Hernandez.
David Hernandez, Elijah Hernandez, Katelyn Hernandez, Pedro Herrera, Kendra Hopkins, Joshua Jimenez, Jaidyn Kelley, Anh Ky, Diego Leanos, Kevin Lewis, Elissa Lopez, Xavier Lopez, Gabriela Lozano and Trixie Marquez.
Lexi Martinez, Emma McKenzie, Ezequiel Mejia-

Blanco, Lauren Mendez, Matthew Mendiola, Riley Mercer, Luis Morales, Avry Munoz, Xavier Musquiz, Albert Ngo and Grace Nguyen.
Kelly Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Jasmine Ofor, Abigail Ortiz, Audrey Owens, Isabella Padilla, Jeremiah Palma, Levani Pelaez, Javon Portis, Kori Pounds, Isabel Pruneda and Arianna Reyna.
Asher Ridge, Adrian Rios, Marissa Rivas, Alyssa Rodriguez, Isabel Rodriguez, Megan Rodriguez, Christopher Salinas, Haley Salinas, Ryan Saxton, Richey Schreier, Noah Scott and Kal Self.
Dominic Serna, Wyatt Sherwood, Metzli Silva, Kenzie Snook, Kielee Snook, Andrew Solis, Kyle Stoked, Emily Tamez, Brianna Toro, Annette Tran and Trinity Tucker.
Genessis Valtierra, Jesus Velasquez, Emilio Villarreal, Luis Villarreal, Huy Vu, Paul Vu, Khari Walker, Cyrae Washington, London Wiggins, Aspen Woods and Makayle Yielding.

Finney graduates



Katherine Finney, daughter of Wayne and Sharon Finney of South Belt, graduated Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, from the University of Houston's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. Finney attended Genoa Elementary and Thompson Intermediate, and graduated from Dobie in 2011. She was a member of the varsity volleyball team for three years. She is currently a substitute teacher in the Pasadena Independent School District system. Her plans are to teach and coach volleyball at the high school level.

Pham wins LSA spelling bee



On Wednesday, Jan. 6, the Lutheran South Academy Lower School held its annual spelling bee. There were 10 contestants who competed for the title of LSA's LS Spelling Bee Champion. It took 17 rounds of competition before Haleigh Pham (left) won the championship, spelling *surruration* as her champion word. Jonathan Scheer was the runner-up, and Samantha Hoffman was the third-place winner. Pictured with Pham is Stacy Heinrich, fifth-grade teacher and spelling bee coordinator. Photo submitted

Ruthemeyer earns place in All-State band

Tyler Ruthemeyer, a member of the Lutheran South Academy Symphonic Band, will perform with the Texas All-State Band in San Antonio, on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as part of the 2016 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention.
Ruthemeyer was chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at district, region and area levels. He is a student of Glenn Dobias and plays at Lutheran South Academy under the direction of Jeremy Loudon who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA), a 12,000-plus member organization headquartered in Austin. This is Ruthemeyer's first time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. He is the son of Mike and Shirley Ruthemeyer.
High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through several levels of auditions beginning in the fall of 2015 to qualify at the state level.
All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. More than 1,600 students are selected through a process that begins with more than 64,000 students from around the state vying for

this honor to perform in one of 15 ensembles (bands, orchestras and choirs). Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State competition. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 28 TMEA Regions.
Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their region to compete against musicians from other areas in seven TMEA Area competitions.
The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group. Only the top 3% of musicians who initially audition will become All-State musicians.
These All-State students participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally-recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close. For the All-State concert schedule and conductor information, go to the performances section of www.tmea.org/convention.
For more information on TMEA, visit www.tmea.org/convention.



Lutheran South Academy senior Tyler Ruthemeyer recently qualified for the 2016 Association of Texas Small School Bands Texas All-State Band. Ruthemeyer qualified to the Area Round through region auditions in December. Recently, he traveled to Chappell Hill High School in Tyler, Texas, where the East Texas Area auditions were held, and competed against the best UIL 1A-4A and all classifications of private school band students. He took first chair bassoon in the entire East Texas Area and will now go to the All-State Band Clinic and Concert held in conjunction with the Texas Music Educator's Association Clinic and Conference in San Antonio in February. Ruthemeyer is only the second instrumentalist in the history of Lutheran South Academy to achieve this feat.

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Maverick Band hosts percussion competition

The Pasadena Memorial High School Maverick Band will host a Texas Color Guard Circuit Percussion Competition on Saturday, Feb. 6.
The contest begins at 2 p.m. and will be held in the school's gym.
Come and support the various drumlines and percussion ensembles from Pasadena ISD, Clear Creek ISD and other surrounding districts.
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015

EXHIBIT C-3

Data Control Codes	199	599	699	98	
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700	Local and Intermediate Revenues	\$ 127,554,754	\$ 31,390,608	\$ 444,986	\$ 169,398,583
5800	State Program Revenues	323,003,234	17,377,261	-	345,388,744
5900	Federal Program Revenues	8,617,542	-	-	69,402,718
5020	Total Revenues	459,175,530	48,767,869	444,986	584,190,045
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	272,073,679	-	-	302,719,650
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	6,341,513	-	-	6,569,559
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	7,545,868	-	-	9,032,214
0021	Instructional Leadership	5,673,639	-	-	7,056,372
0023	School Leadership	33,809,758	-	-	35,454,217
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	17,652,429	-	-	22,005,303
0032	Social Work Services	281,774	-	-	281,774
0033	Health Services	4,516,899	-	-	4,653,708
0034	Student Transportation	15,796,887	-	-	15,796,887
0035	Food Services	-	-	-	33,879,493
0036	Extracurricular Activities	6,620,858	-	-	2,842,708
0041	General Administration	11,267,615	-	-	5,707
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	47,904,526	-	-	76,473
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	4,866,245	-	-	333
0053	Data Processing Services	6,137,993	-	-	6,137,993
0061	Community Services	43,744	-	-	221,356
Debt Service:					
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt	-	17,220,000	-	17,220,000
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt	-	28,964,382	-	28,964,382
0073	Issuance Costs and Fees	-	972,234	712,288	1,684,522
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	14,665,465	-	64,103,645	102,294
Intergovernmental:					
0095	Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs	63,843	-	-	63,843
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	1,131,892	-	-	1,131,892
6030	Total Expenditures	456,394,627	47,156,616	64,815,933	77,005,602
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,780,903	1,611,253	(64,370,947)	(1,203,942)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7901	Issuance of Refunding Bonds	-	50,920,000	-	50,920,000
7911	Issuance of Capital Related Bonds	-	-	159,435,000	159,435,000
7915	Transfers In	19,361,350	-	3,008,085	22,369,435
7916	Premium from Issuance of Bonds	-	6,981,827	16,827,288	23,809,115
8911	Transfers Out	(7,008,085)	-	(19,276,350)	(26,369,435)
8940	Payment to Refunded Bond Escrow Agent	-	(57,624,114)	-	(57,624,114)
8949	Tax Refunds Per Court Order	(1,035,014)	(269,399)	-	(1,304,413)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	11,318,251	8,314	159,994,023	171,235,588
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	14,099,154	1,619,567	95,623,076	(1,288,942)
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	83,734,187	47,938,360	78,878,746	11,028,530
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 97,833,341	\$ 49,557,927	\$ 174,501,822	\$ 331,632,678

SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Dobie boys' basketball downs Pearland, keeps wins coming

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

With highly-coveted postseason positioning very much on the line, two of the hottest varsity boys' basketball teams in the 22-6A ranks went head-to-head Jan. 19, at Dobie.

Host Dobie, once at 1-4 in the standings but then 4-4 after a three-game run of domination, went against Pearland, winners of four straight within the league after starting the season at 1-3.

For the Longhorns, it was basically a must win game. Another loss to the Oilers would not only have sent the locals two games back in the chase for the fourth and final playoff

spot, but would have given the Oilers a potential tie-breaker advantage down the road.

Well, the Longhorns took care of business, winning their fourth straight 22-6A contest with a 57-42 win over Pearland.

Pearland got within three points on the first score of the fourth quarter, only to see the Longhorns reel off a 14-2 run to take control of things down the stretch.

Four Dobie takeaways in that pivotal fourth-quarter stanza were huge. By the time Pearland's Kristien White drained a 3-pointer to get the Oilers going again late, it was 48-32 with two minutes and

change left to play. The win leaves Dobie tied with Pearland at 5-4 in the District 22-6A standings with seven games remaining.

The Longhorns will still likely have to knock off Manvel, Dawson or South Houston in its remaining stretch of games to ensure a playoff berth, but for now, this team has to feel good about itself.

"Oh sure, we all know the deal," said Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross, referring to his team's need to

knock off one of the big guns.

"When you are 4-4 and see that you lost to the four teams in front of you, and beat the ones below you, then it's easy to understand that you have to beat some of those in front

of you. With that said, we also know that we have to keep winning. Our goal right now is to play these games one at a time and go 8-0 in the second half. We are 1-0 right now and have a chance to go 2-0 with a win at Manvel. We have

played all of the teams in front of us close, so we know the opportunities to win are there. If we win all of our games, then we don't have to worry about what any of these other teams do in the standings."

In the big win over Pearland, Travores Gilbert led the way with 14 points for Dobie. Jason Lester scored eight of his 12 points in the first half to lift the home team, and Tyler Giron made a pair of 3-pointers among his eight points in the game.

To avoid another shift in the standings, Dobie sure could use a win over third-place Manvel Jan. 22 at Manvel. Meanwhile, Pearland will go up against Pasadena.

Come Jan. 26, Dobie hosts Pasadena while Pearland must travel to first-place South Houston, which has won eight of its first nine league games and remains in a tie with Dawson.

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At left, Pearland's Ovidio Perez (12) finds himself hemmed up within Dobie's 1-3-1 halfcourt trap during the second half of the Longhorns' 57-42 victory over the Oilers Jan. 19, at Dobie. The win allowed Dobie to force a tie at 5-4 between itself and Pearland for fourth place in the current District 22-6A standings. Defending for Dobie are guards Tyler Giron and Royce Hunter (55).
Photo by John Bechtle

Jan. 22 hoops action
Dobie boys at Manvel
Dobie girls host Manvel
Brook girls at Friendswood
Brook boys host Friendswood

Jan. 26 hoops action
Dobie boys host Pasadena
Dobie girls at Pasadena
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Taylor runs nation's fastest 60-meter dash

Is there any limit to what Clear Brook High School track and field star Brandon Taylor can do the rest of this winter and into the spring? Probably not.

Stepping up his performance a notch, Taylor championed the 60-meter dash competition, this

time posting a winning time of 6.78 seconds at the Carl Lewis Invitational Indoor Meet at the University of Houston.

Competing as a member of Texas Storm '05, Taylor edged Manvel's Caleb Jolivet, who came in at 6.85. Jolivet also

represents Texas Storm.

On the opening week of the indoor season, Taylor's 6.90 clocking at the Texas A&M University High School Classic was good for the gold medal.

At UH, Taylor posted the nation's fastest time while winning yet again.

It's early in the season, and Taylor has yet to run the 100-meter dash for the Clear Brook program, but he's simply getting it done.

A University of Miami signee, Taylor's eventual aim seems to be the 2020 Olympic Games. Between

now and then, though, he has plenty of time to prepare. He's already proven he can deliver in the clutch, no matter the level of competition.
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Girls' games at Dobie Jan. 25

Beverly Hills, Lions set to tip off

Pasadena ISD district championship hopes will be on the line in several divisions as Thompson and Beverly Hills meet

Monday, Jan. 25, on the hardwood.

In girls' basketball, the Lady Lions and the Lady Bears will tip-off at Dobie High School, while the boys' games will be played at Beverly Hills Intermediate. The games begin at 5 p.m.

There is plenty riding on the line for both programs as the PISD regular-season schedule winds down.

Prior to Jan. 20 action, which came after press time, the Bears and Lions were making a big splash districtwide.

The Lady Lions' seventh-grade Light and Dark teams both led their divisions at 6-0, as did Thompson's eighth-grade Light girls' team.

On the boys' side of things, the Lions' seventh-grade Light team was tied for the lead with Beverly Hills at 6-0. In the seventh-grade Dark division, Thompson was 6-0, with Beverly Hills and San Jacinto tied for second place at 5-1.

In eighth-grade boys' play, San Jacinto was unbeaten in both divisions, but Beverly Hills and Thompson were close behind.

The Pasadena ISD regular season includes two head-to-head weeks - Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. The seventh- and eighth-grade Light divisions tournaments conclude play Feb. 3-4.



Thompson eighth-grade boys' basketball coach Bob Thompson watched as his Lions bested Beverly Hills in the 2015 neighborhood series. Now, he hopes the same can happen this time around as Thompson takes on the Bears Monday, Jan. 25, at Beverly Hills. The action begins at 5 p.m. The girls' series will play out at Dobie High School, also starting at 5 p.m.
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San Jac softball to open season 2016 in Galveston

A quick study of the 2016 San Jacinto College softball reveals the return of just four players from a season ago, meaning more than just a few first-time collegiate players will have to deliver big on their potential in a hurry.

But veteran head coach Kelly Saenz hasn't won more than 400 career games at San Jacinto College by doing things the easy way.

Rather, Saenz knows collegiate softball seasons are more about progress than speed, more about the finish than the start.

With that in mind, San Jacinto College will make its first of five straight tournament appearances to start the season with what has become an annual journey to Galveston Island.

SIC will go against some familiar and some not-so-familiar foes at the Jan 29-30 Galveston Whitecaps Classic.

It's there that the process will begin as San Jacinto's seemingly young and inexperienced squad looks to make a name for itself.

Top power hitter Gabby Gonzalez is back after slamming 10 home runs as a freshman in 2015. Clearly, Gonzalez will be counted on to produce runs. But for that to happen, others

in the lineup will have to deliver as well. Maybe that's where J.J. Cerda or Jamie Henk can play big roles.

In the circle, the Coyotes will also essentially be beginning anew, with Carol Raabe among the

team's returning players. Freshman Niki Gonzalez, who helped Baytown Sterling defeat Dobie in the bidistrict playoff round last spring, is among those who could wind up pitching considerable innings for the locals.

San Jacinto qualified for the national tournament for the second time in program history in 2014, but then was quickly eliminated during regional tournament play a season ago.

Partly because quite a few high-achieving sophomores left the program

for four-year institutions, Saenz knew she would have to restock the program. But having just four returnees in the mix this season just may be something altogether different.

"This is the best group of players I have had together as a group and

win," Saenz said. "It's been a good group to work with in the offseason, and we're excited to see where that takes us."

"Every year you want to reach the national tournament. You just have to keep working, and then have some things go your way in the end."

San Jacinto College Softball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	High School
1	Katlin Kerl	C	Fr.	Silsbee
3	J.J. Cerda	IF	So.	Timber Creek
6	Jamie Henk	OF	So.	Porter
7	Carol Raabe	P	So.	Ryan
9	Ashley Zapata	IF	So.	Episcopal
10	Dani Damion	IF	Fr.	Angleton
11	Niki Gonzalez	P	Fr.	Baytown Sterling
13	Gabby Gonzalez	C	So.	Baytown Sterling
14	Kaylee Ousman	P	Fr.	Coldspring Oakhurst
15	Missy Hernandez	UT	Fr.	Pasadena Memorial
17	Alexis Deleon	UT	Fr.	Morton Ranch
20	Taylor Office	IF	Fr.	Clear Falls
21	Nakilah Robinson	OF	Fr.	Fort Bend Austin
22	Shelbi Doherty	OF	Fr.	Santa Fe
24	Sarah Holden	P	So.	Clear Falls
26	Jaimee Kelly	OF	Fr.	Baytown Sterling
27	Isis Rangel	UT	Fr.	Sam Rayburn

San Jacinto College 2016 softball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 29-30	at Galveston tourn.	TBA
Feb. 5-7	at Wallace State tourn.	TBA
Feb. 13-14	San Jacinto tourn.	TBA
Feb. 19-20	at Temple tourn.	TBA
Feb. 24	at McLennan	1/3 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Region XIV	
Feb. 28	Crossover tourn.	TBA
March 2	LSU-Eunice	3/5 p.m.
March 4	*at Coastal Bend	1/3 p.m.
March 5	*at Laredo	1/3 p.m.
March 7	*at Lamar State	1/3 p.m.
March 9	Lake Land College	4/6 p.m.
March 11	*at Blinn	1/3 p.m.
March 12	*at Lamar State	2/4 p.m.
March 18	*Galveston	2/4 p.m.
March 19	*at Alvin	2/4 p.m.
March 22	at LSU-Eunice	2/4 p.m.
March 30	*Lamar State	1/3 p.m.
April 2	*Blinn	1/3 p.m.
April 6	*at Galveston	2/4 p.m.
April 9	at Meridian	noon
April 10	at Jones County	noon
April 13	*Alvin	4/6 p.m.
April 15	*Coastal Bend	1/3 p.m.
April 16	*Laredo	1/3 p.m.
April 28-	at Region XIV tourn.,	
May 1	hosted at San Jacinto	TBA
May 18-	at NJCAA Nationals,	
May 22	at St. George, Utah	TBA

* Region XIV games

CB softball alums now 1/2 marathoners



Clear Brook High School graduates and former Lady Wolverine varsity softball players Taylor Nickell (left) and Kennedy Torres show off their medals after completing the 13.1-mile Aramco Houston Half Marathon Jan. 17, in Houston. For Nickell, it was her first "official" half marathon, while Torres has now completed the Houston course five times. Both were multi-year letterwinners within the Lady Wolverine varsity softball program during their stay at Clear Brook.

Galveston Whitecaps Invitational Softball

Friday, Jan. 29

Time	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3
9 a.m.	Blinn vs. LSUE	Galveston vs. Snead State	Alvin vs. Seminole State
11 a.m.	San Jac vs. Tyler	Navarro vs. UHV	Kilgore vs. Rose State
1 p.m.	Blinn vs. Snead State	Galveston vs. Seminole State	Alvin vs. Tyler
3 p.m.	San Jac vs. UHV	Navarro vs. Rose State	Kilgore vs. LSUE
5 p.m.	Blinn vs. Seminole State	Galveston vs. Tyler	Alvin vs. UHV

Saturday, Jan. 30

Time	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3
9 a.m.	San Jac vs. Rose State	Navarro vs. LSUE	Kilgore vs. Snead State
11 a.m.	Blinn vs. Tyler	Galveston vs. UHV	Alvin vs. Rose State
1 p.m.	San Jac vs. LSUE	Navarro vs. Snead State	Kilgore vs. Seminole St.
3 p.m.	Blinn vs. UHV	Galveston vs. Rose State	Navarro vs. Seminole St.
5 p.m.	San Jac vs. Kilgore	Alvin vs. LSUE	Snead State vs. Tyler

Top-performing JFD varsity footballers honored at banquet

Alas, the 2015 varsity football season is in the books at Dobie High School after players, coaches and parents gathered Jan. 17 to honor the team, including its top performers. After an 0-4 start to the season, Dobie went 5-1 over its last six regular season games to qualify for the playoffs for a sixth straight season. The 2015 campaign ended with a bidistrict playoff loss to eventual Class 6A Division I state champion North Shore.

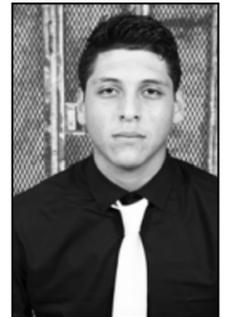


Easily Dobie's most dynamic offensive player and the team leader in all-purpose yards, senior Jaylon Bolden (16) was named the Longhorns' overall Team Most Valuable Player.

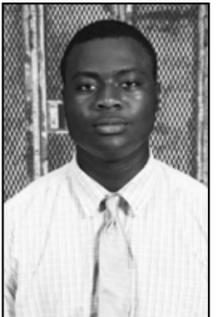


Defensive tackle Chandler Tisby (90) began his varsity career with a bang, being named the 22-5A Newcomer of the Year in 2013. He eventually became a three-time all-district performer. Following the regular season, he was named Dobie's Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Horns recognize 2015 season top performers at Bay Oaks Country Club



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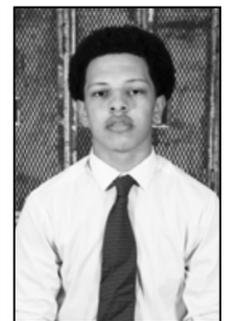
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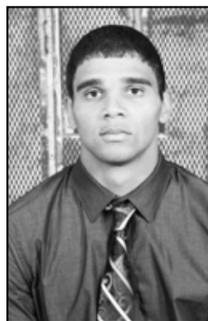
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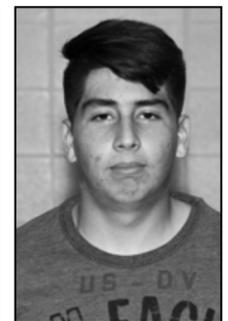
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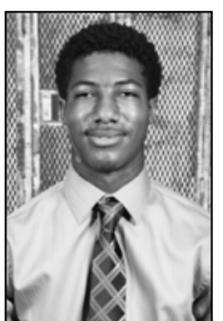
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Mr. Longhorn



Senior quarterback Tyler Giron was solid throughout the regular season for the Longhorns and was an honorable mention all-district pick. He also was named the Longhorns' Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Photo by Gary Williams

Photo by David Flickinger

South Belt area sports registration, news & notes

Rising Stars Track Club

The South Belt Track Club is preparing for the upcoming spring/summer season by hosting continuing registration and workout sessions Thursday, Jan. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Dobie High School.

Team officials will be at Dobie Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon, signing up both returning and first-year athletes for competition in the Amateur Athletic Union program.

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

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

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

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League

There is still one late registration date available in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League as league officials, families and their young players are preparing for the 2016 spring season at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The only late registration and tryout date remaining for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m., at El Franco Lee Park.

Youths ages 3 (must turn 3 by Jan. 1, 2016) through 16 may register for the season.

The fee, including \$25 late charge, for 3- and 4-year-old players is \$150, and the fee for those ages 5 through 16, including \$25 late charge, is \$200.

The league will also host its fifth season of Challenger League play for youths with physical or mental disabilities, and there is no registration charge to compete.

The registration fee includes a jersey, hat, pants, socks and a belt.

For more information on the Challenger League, visit the league web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

Families will also be required to submit three forms of proof of residency, such as driver's license, utility bill, insurance documents, school records, etc, to Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials prior to the start of the season at tryouts

or at one of the in-person sign-up sessions.

South Belt Girls Softball Association

South Belt Girls Softball Association officials have scheduled several regular registration dates this month, all at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The regular registration fee is \$65 plus participation in the league's annual candy fundraiser. There is a \$50 fundraiser buyout option.

The sign-up dates include Jan. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., as well as Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents of players must bring a copy of their child's birth certificate to the session, and payments will only be accepted in the form of cash and credit/debit cards. No checks will be accepted.

Though it is not recommended, there will be a late sign-up session Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost for late registration will be \$80 plus a mandatory candy buyout fee of \$50. The South Belt Girls Softball Association's preseason practices begin in February, 2016, and the regular season will begin later that month or early March.

Baseball United select tryouts

Officials from Baseball United Clubs will soon hold open tryouts for the 2016 season. Players must first RSVP to set up a tryout time and will then need to be able to pass all skill drills to be considered.

BUC's stated goal is to prepare young players for the high school level and beyond through top-notch training in conjunction with a professional coaching staff. BUC's indoor practice facility is now open.

Tryouts will be held at Clear Lake Dad's Club throughout this month. BUC is seeking players for the 6-under through 15-under divisions. Those in the 7-under division can currently compete for no charge.

Baseball United Clubs has three program levels – select, elite and premier – with 24 teams in total. The select level is filling up quickly, and the others still have limited openings. BUC teams will compete in both Nations Baseball and United States Specialty Sports Association tournaments.

Those interested in scheduling a tryout may call coach Terrance Small at 832-795-2701. To direct an email to team officials, send notifications to Nightmarebaseball@gmail.com.

Dobie baseball BBQ is Feb. 6



Three-year starter Tyler Myers (above) and the rest of the Dobie baseball program will offer a sneak peak of the 2016 season as the Longhorns host a fundraising barbecue and scrimmage game Saturday, Feb. 6, at the school's varsity baseball field on campus (also inside El Franco Lee Park). Booster club members will offer double meat combination plates including chicken, sausage, rice, beans, bread slice and soft drink or water for \$10 each. All Dobie players are currently offering presale meal tickets. The Feb. 6 event will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with presale meals served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The scrimmage game will begin around noon. To obtain presale tickets, direct email to dobiediamond@gmail.com.

PISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Standings

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

Game results		
Thompson 79, Miller 34		
Beverly Hills 55, Southmore 25		
Queens 50, South Houston 36		
Bondy 63, Jackson 24		
San Jacinto 74, Park View 41		

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

Game results		
Beverly Hills 42, Southmore 32		
Bondy 47, Jackson 21		
Thompson 39, Miller 12		
South Houston 45, Queens 16		
San Jacinto 60, Park View 6		

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

Game results		
Thompson 39, Miller 15		
Beverly Hills 41, Southmore 33		
Queens 34, South Houston 22		
Bondy 56, Jackson 33		
San Jacinto 57, Park View 4		

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

Game results		
Thompson 45, Miller 10		
Beverly Hills 40, Southmore 22		
Bondy 50, Jackson 17		
South Houston 54, Queens 27		
San Jacinto 56, Park View 8		

PISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Standings

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

Game results		
Thompson 40, Miller 13		
Queens 53, South Houston 15		
Beverly Hills 50, Southmore 35		
Bondy 37, Jackson 14		
Park View 34, San Jacinto 31		

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

Game results		
Thompson 45, Miller 28		
San Jacinto 25, Park View 20		
Miller 24, Queens 10		
Southmore 28, Beverly Hills 23		
Bondy 39, Jackson 14		

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

Game results		
Thompson 25, Miller 12		
Beverly Hills 37, Southmore 21		
Queens 28, South Houston 20		
San Jacinto 27, Park View 7		
Bondy 39, Jackson 15		

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

Game results		
Thompson 10, Miller 5		
Beverly Hills 16, Southmore 14		
Queens 21, South Houston 16		
San Jacinto 13, Park View 8		
Bondy 29, Jackson 8		

T&F athletes run indoors

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Taylor's approach this indoor season has been fairly simple – that is, stay calm until race time and then just run.

So far, so good on that plan.

CB duo debuts at TTU

Twin sisters Maygen and Raygen Smith, 2015 Clear Brook High School graduates, made their collegiate track and field debuts with the Texas Tech University program.

Maygen Smith competed in the women's 600-meter run, where her time of 1 minute, 36.09 seconds placed her fourth at the Arkansas Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., Jan. 16, as the indoor season got underway.

Smith also combined with three other teammates to give the Red Raiders a second-place showing in the 4x400-meter relay.

With Smith anchoring the unit, Texas Tech came to the finish line at 3:46.09 for the runner-up spot.

Raygen Smith placed ninth in the 60-meter hurdle preliminaries with a clocking of 8.92. She missed reaching the final by one slot.

Both athletes reached the state track and field meet while competing at Clear Brook High School.

Texas Tech will be back in action Jan. 23, at the Texas A&M Triangular in College Station.

At the same Arkansas Invitational, the Smiths had a chance to catch up with another Clear Brook High School graduate, Jamarco Stephen of the 2014 class.

A sophomore at Arkansas, Stephen competed in the men's 200-meter dash, where his time of 21.53 placed him fourth.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

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

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

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

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

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter – A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.

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

Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7

p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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

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

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

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Grief Support Group – For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter

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

Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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Oct. 15
The Rev. Sherman Wilson, the founding pastor of Sagemont Presbyterian Church (now known as A Community of the Servant-Savior) died Oct. 8 at the age of 93. Now located on Hughes Road across the street from Stuchbery Elementary, the church originally opened in the mid-1960s on Kingspoint in a small chapel on property that is now part of Alameda Mall's parking lot. Wilson retired in the mid-1980s after serving 19 years. Church membership peaked under Wilson's leadership at around 350. The church was forced to rebuild in April 2010 after being destroyed by fire. Investigators immediately determined the cause was arson, but no arrests were ever made in the case.

The Dobie homecoming king and queen were announced at the Longhorns game Oct. 9. Jaylon Bolden was crowned king, and Raegan Saxton was crowned queen. The Longhorns handily defeated the South Houston Trojans in the game 50-23. Bolden was also a king on the football field, scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter.

Oct. 22
A new international concourse opened its doors Thursday, Oct. 15, at William P. Hobby Airport in Houston, Texas, ushering in the return of daily international air service for the popular airport facility and its 12 million annual passengers. Hundreds of guests in the new concourse celebrated the operational success of the building's first flight, when an early morning departure took off bound for Cancun, Mexico. The new 280,000-square-foot facility, including a five-gate concourse, Federal Inspection Station, Southwest Airlines ticketing hall and expanded security checkpoint, is the result of a far-reaching partnership struck between the City of Houston and Southwest Airlines in 2012.

Oct. 29
Nearly two months after his death on Sept. 4, investigators finally determined what killed Dobie baseball player Steven Moreno. According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Moreno's death was caused by acute exertional rhabdomyolysis associated with sickle cell trait. The website for the National Institutes of Health states: "Exertional rhabdomyolysis, a syndrome characterized by skeletal muscle degeneration and muscle enzyme leakage, has been shown to occur in normal, healthy individuals following strenuous exercise. In severe cases, this syndrome can result in renal failure and sudden death. Although anyone who performs strenuous exercise may be at risk for developing exertional rhabdomyolysis, some individuals may be more susceptible than others. A number of case reports of exertional rhabdomyolysis involve persons with sickle-cell trait, leading to the theory that these individuals might be at greater risk for developing the syndrome than those without this trait." Dobie coaches said they were unaware that Moreno carried the sickle cell trait and that steps were taken to prevent dehydration and overexertion.

Nov. 5
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees announced at a special meeting Nov. 4 that longtime district employee DeeAnn Powell was the lone finalist for the position of superintendent of schools. This marked the first time in the district's history a female was selected for the position. Powell will replace Kirk Lewis, who announced in the summer he would be retiring at the end of 2015 after serving nine years in the position. Powell has served PISD since 1991 as a teacher, facilitator, assistant principal, principal, associate superintendent for campus development and for the past two years as deputy superintendent for campus development. She holds a doctorate of education from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

The Nov. 3 election votes were counted, with few surprises at the local level. The Houston mayor's race headed to a December runoff between state Rep. Sylvester Turner and businessman Bill King, with the pair easily defeating the remaining 11 candidates. The city's controversial Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO) failed by a wide margin, with voters choosing to reject the measure by a 61-39 vote.

Nov. 12
The Lone Star Flight Museum officially broke ground on its new facility at Ellington Airport on Nov. 9. In addition to a collection of award-winning historic aircraft, the 130,000-square-foot museum will feature interactive, educational exhibits focusing on the science, technology, engineering and math concepts essential to flight while allowing visitors to explore Texas' rich aviation heritage. Among the highlights of the new facility will be a \$1 million Aviation Learning Center and the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. The Aviation Learning Center, originally developed at the Seattle Museum of Flight, will be replicated for the first time at the new museum. The total project cost, including facility, exhibits and relocation expenses, is estimated at \$35 million. In 2014, the museum completed an initial \$25 million capital campaign. The success of that campaign encouraged the board of directors to expand the museum, add additional educational programming and undertake a \$10 million Phase II capital campaign. The museum is scheduled to open in February 2017, just in time for Houston's Super Bowl LI. The museum is moving from its current location in Galveston as a result of damage suffered during Hurricane Ike.

Nov. 19
A mother was accused of stabbing her 2-month-old son to death early Nov. 17 at her apartment in the 10100 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard near Stever. Rochelle Brown, 28, was charged with capital murder in the death of her infant son Levi Thornton-Smith. According to police, officers responded to a call on the third story of the Longboat Key Apartments

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members and by serving on the bond steering committee. Flickinger was instrumental in the passing of the 2014 School Bond measure. Flickinger has supported district initiatives that helped increase graduation rates. These include the expansion of dual credit options, particularly College Now, which is available on all high school campuses; and career and technical initiatives, such as the Lewis Career and Technical High School project. Flickinger has taken part in career day activities, various campus fundraising initiatives and the Education Foundation. Through her leadership, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce backs the work of the school district in many ways, including sponsoring a luncheon to honor the top 10 graduates of Dobie High School for their outstanding achievement. Flickinger's involvement in the community is not only limited to PISD. In 1995, she became the first woman elected as a member of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees and later served as board president. Nearly 30 years ago, she became the chief organizer and founding president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and has often served as the organization's president. She has coordinated Christmas drives for needy families and taken the lead in organizing annual Fourth of July activities, including an annual parade and fireworks display. Flickinger's efforts have helped the South Belt area flourish. Through the newspaper, she raised awareness of the Brio Superfund Site which had disposed of toxic materials into the neighborhood. Even though she had no formal background in science, she attended conferences throughout the country to gather research to present to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Ultimately, her investigation and coverage led to a method of containment making the community safe again. She has served in several prestigious community positions including membership on two mayoral transition committees for the City of Houston, chairman of the leadership group for the State Education Leadership Board of Trustees and chair of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees. Flickinger has been recognized for her leadership and humanitarian efforts locally and statewide. For her noted service to the school district, she was inducted into the Hall of Honor at Dobie High School, and the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building on South campus is named in her honor. In 2013, Flickinger earned the prestigious Association of Community College Trustees M. Dale Ensign Leadership Award as the national community college trustee of the year. She will be honored by the district at a reception on Jan. 28 at the Lewis Career and Technical High School.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

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Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

CrossRoads Support Group - Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join Well Spouse support group. Meets the last Thursday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale. Free childcare provided. No meetings in Nov. or Dec. For information, contact Jennifer Miller at houstonwellspouse@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit <http://www.wellspouse.org>.

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Javen Hedgeman (left) of Pearland launches a contested 3-point try from the left side with Dobie's Jonathan Cooper (2) defending late in the action Jan. 19, at Dobie High School.

Fourth-quarter 14-2 runs lifts JFD basketball

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As Cross stated after the big win, his team's slow start in league play means the wins must now keep coming.

Any blip in the schedule, big or small, could cause plenty of damage where the standings are concerned.

But Dobie appears to have things going their way. Three of their top of the rotation players missed games in the first half of league play – all losses.

Cross is of the opinion that when his top 10 players are all healthy and playing well as a group, anything can happen.

"The shooting is going to come and go," he said. "That's just basketball. But we went 1 for 17 in 3-point field goals against Manvel, and normally we shoot them at about 36 percent.

"The shots were there. It's not like they were contested threes. We had some good looks. In our other losses, we played well in stretches but couldn't close out wins. Now, we just have to focus on get-

ting that done in the second half of district play."

PHS trips Dobie
Meanwhile, Dobie's varsity girls' basketball team lost a 54-46 contest to Pearland Jan. 19, on the road.

With five games to go in the 22-6A chase for the playoffs, Dawson, Manvel, Alvin and Pearland are in the push for the postseason. The Pasadena ISD schools have some work to do in order to get back into the mix.

CB girls get past Bwood
Perhaps the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines won't be making a trip to the postseason now, but there's little doubt the future is bright for head coach Garrett Hilton's team.

The Lady Wolverines defeated Brazoswood 59-43 Jan. 19, at home, getting a much-needed victory in the 24-6A standings after what has been a tough stretch of games.

Brook got the job done by cruising through the second quarter to the tune of 18-7.

Brook boys fall
While the Brook girls took care of their business against Brazoswood, the Wolverine boys endured a tough defeat in Clute.

The Wolverines were looking to take a pretty big step in the 24-6A standings with a win, but instead were sidetracked by Brazoswood, 59-50 in the end.

The loss dropped the Wolverines to 3-3 in the league standings, which is good for fourth place. Dickinson and Clear Creek are tied for first place at 5-1.

For Brazoswood, it was the team's first win in district play after five losses.



Dobie shooting guard Tyler Giron (left), who had a pair of 3-point field goals among his eight points in the game, beats Pearland's John Detterville off the dribble during the first half of the Longhorns' huge 57-42 victory over the Oilers Jan. 19, at Dobie. The

Longhorns used a 14-2 run in the fourth quarter to pull away from the Oilers, who at one point in the period trailed by just three points. The outcome left the two teams tied for fourth place in the District 22-6A standings.

District 22-6A Standings		
Varsity Boys' Basketball		
(As of Jan. 20)		
Teams	W	L
Dawson	8	1
Manvel	7	2
South Houston	8	1
Dobie	5	4
Pearland	5	4
Pasadena	3	6
Memorial	2	7
Alvin	2	7
Rayburn	1	8

District 24-6A Standings		
Varsity Boys' Basketball		
(As of Jan. 20)		
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Dickinson	5	1
Clear Creek	5	1
Clear Springs	3	2
Clear Brook	3	3
Friendswood	2	4
Clear Falls	2	4
Brazoswood	1	5

JFD girls' soccer nets 1-0 win over Manvel

Laly Medrano scored the game's only goal on an assist from Lauren Escobar in the opening 10 minutes of action as visiting Dobie dropped Manvel 1-0 Jan. 19, in Manvel.

Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald said his team had several other chances to pad its early lead with scores but simply could not find the net from there.

Leslie Garcia and Isabella Tamayo played exceptionally well in the win that gained the Lady Longhorns a big three points in the standings.

Summer Naser, a three-year varsity player, also played a big role in the victory for the locals.

"We just played much better in this one than we did the opener against Pearland," McDonald said.

"We had some chances to do more damage, but that's just the way the game is played."

Dobie now has some time off before getting ready to face a much-improved Pasadena team Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Vet-

erans Stadium. Pasadena defeated Memorial in a shootout and also played a

tight game with defending 22-6A champion Pearland before losing 1-0.

"There are about six teams in our district who will likely battle it out for

those four playoff spots," McDonald said.

"That's why you have to be ready to play every night. Dawson, Pearland and Alvin are pretty good, and then there is us, Memorial and Pasadena. It's going to be a tight race all the way through."

The Dobie girls dropped its District 22-6A opener against defending league champion Pearland.

Going up against the Lady Oilers Jan. 15, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, Dobie hung tough over the initial 25 minutes, keeping the game scoreless before a defensive slip up near the box resulted in a 1-0 lead for Pearland with about 14 minutes left in the first half.

From there, Pearland's physical advantage took over, giving the visitors the win in the game.

Brook girls roll at I-10 Shootout

It wasn't the outcome Clear Brook was hoping for, but all in all, the varsity girls' soccer team had a great showing at the I-10 Shootout in Katy.

The Lady Wolverines began the tournament Jan. 14, with a shootout win over Aldine. The game was scoreless through regulation before Clear Brook outscored the Mustangs 3-2 in the shootout.

Moving to the semifinals of the Maverick Division at Morton Ranch High School, Clear Brook took down Bay City 2-0, reaching the finals.

Although host Morton Ranch dealt Clear Brook a 6-1 loss in the final, there was nothing to be ashamed of where Clear Brook was concerned.

Make no mistake, the District 24-6A alignment is stacked with talent, including Clear Falls, Clear Springs, Friendswood and others.

But Clear Brook is experiencing a resurgence after a few lean seasons, and the Lady Wolverines have to be thinking their time is near to get back in the playoff hunt when the time comes.



Dobie's Summer Naser maneuvers upfield during the Lady Longhorns' 22-6A opening match against Pearland Jan. 15, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. After a scoreless 25-minute run to open the game, Pearland, the defending league champion, netted the first goal and went on to win 3-0. Photos by John Bechtle



With a Pearland player in pursuit, Briana Garcia of Dobie tries to advance the ball forward during the first half of the Lady Longhorns' game against the defending 22-6A champions Jan. 15, at Veterans

Stadium in Pasadena. Pearland extended a 1-0 half-time lead with a pair of scores in the second half, winning 3-0.



At right, Emison Amaya (23) and the rest of the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team returned to the playing field Jan. 20, after press time, against the Manvel Mavericks at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Dobie, the defending District 22-6A champion, began its quest for another crown with a 3-2 victory over the Pearland Oilers Jan. 15, at The Rig in Pearland, extending the Longhorns' unbeaten streak in league play to 17 games dating back to the 2014 season.



At left, with Pearland's John Detterville (right) defending, the Longhorns' Trey Kelly sends a pass into the right corner during Dobie's 57-42 victory over the Oilers Jan. 19, at Scott Talton Court. Dobie's key win to start the second half of league play helped make up for a double overtime loss at Pearland in the District 22-6A opener for both teams. Dobie, which edged the Oilers for the fourth and final playoff spot in league play a season ago, finds itself tied with Pearland at 5-4 with seven games to go. Dawson is tied with South Houston at 8-1 for first place, with Manvel currently sitting in the third spot. Dobie plays at Manvel Friday, Jan. 22, in what is another big game for both teams.

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